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NIGHT
EDITIONPRICE: St. Louis and Suburbs, One Cent.
Elsewhere, Two Cents.GUNDLACH FINDS
CITY LOSING BIG
SUMS IN TAXESSix Utilities Companies Paid
No Tax on Franchises for
Several Years.

AMOUNTS TO \$75,000 A YEAR

City Also Suffers Loss Through
Leasing Ground to Railroads
at Figures Far Below Values.

John H. Gundlach, supervisor of assessments in St. Louis for the State Tax Commission, and former President of the City Council, has written a letter to the Post-Dispatch in which he tells of making the discovery that six large franchise-holding corporations escaped the payment of taxes to the city on their franchises, though they were taxed by the State on these franchise values for a number of years before 1914.

All the companies are now paying taxes to the city on their franchises and have done so since 1914. The laws on franchise taxation were the same before 1914 that they are now, and Gundlach says he has been unable to learn why the tax was not collected before that year. He has inquired about this matter in the offices of the City Assessor and the Comptroller, but has been unable to get an explanation.

The Union Electric Co. is one of the six concerns, and Gundlach has found, by looking up the records, that it paid no tax on its franchise between 1902 and 1914. As to the other companies, he looked up the record only as far back as 1909, and learned that they had not paid the tax in that five-year period.

Gundlach estimates the tax at nearly \$75,000 a year. This is based on a 1.43 per cent tax rate applied to the following franchise values for the different companies:

Union Electric, \$5,000,000; Phoenix Light and Power Co., \$258,620; St. Louis Refrigerating and Cold Storage Co., \$100,000; Cuyler's State Light, Heat and Power Co., \$100,000; National Subway Co., \$49,930; St. Louis Pneumatic Tube Co., \$40,000; total, \$5,568,550.

The exact amount of the annual tax on this valuation at 1.43 per cent would be \$7,451.26. Gundlach said the only guess he had been able to get, at the city hall, for the city's failure to collect franchise taxes from these companies, is that the 5 per cent tax, imposed under the Keyes ordinance, on the gross receipts of concerns using conduits, was held to take the place of a franchise tax. Gundlach said he had been unable to find any legal authority for the view that the 5 per cent tax took the place of franchise taxation.

Gundlach's letter to the Post-Dispatch: ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20, 1917. Dear Sir:—It is unfortunate that the Mayor should take the view that no outside advice is needed to arrive at a solution of the United Railways situation.

Practically all of the changes that have been made since the introduction of the ordinance have been suggested by expert advice from the outside.

If St. Louis hopes to keep pace with the leaders in civic progress, the mechanic, merchant, laborer and professional classes who are drafted into public service must accept advice from the student of community organization and requirements.

The cities that are growing fastest and show great prosperity are the ones that have followed this path.

40 MORE MESSAGES
OF VON LUXBURG
TO BE GIVEN OUT

German Minister's Telegrams to Be Made Public by U. S. Agreement With Argentine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Some two score more of telegrams which passed between Count von Luxburg, German Minister to Argentina, and the German Foreign Office, will be made public today by the State Department by agreement with the Argentine Government, which also will publish them simultaneously at Buenos Aires.

THREE PICKPOCKETS CAUGHT
ON A CROWDED STREET CAR

Try to Rob Man When Six Detectives Are Passengers on Way to Headquarters.

Passengers on a crowded Belt line street car witnessed the capture at 9 o'clock this morning of three pickpockets who made the mistake of boarding a car in which six detectives were on their way to police headquarters.

The trio caught the car at Washington avenue and as they worked their way through the crowded car they jostled an elderly man. Their presence was observed by a detective, who chased them toward the front vestibule.

The pickpockets were headed off by four other detectives and in the scramble that followed the detectives were mistaken for crooks and handled roughly by other passengers before they made known their identity.

At police headquarters the prisoners were identified by photographs as Harry Neal, Joe Simons and Edward Maxwell. They arrived in St. Louis this morning, they said, and were going to leave after "making a few cars."

\$30,000 SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT
THEFT IN BANK NEAR CHICAGO

Institution's Funds at Summit, Un- touched; Official Says Corn Products Co. Payroll Was Insured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Robbers last night stole approximately \$30,000 from the safety deposit vaults of the State Bank of Summit, a suburb. The money was in bills of small denominations and belonged to the Argo plant of the Corn Products Co., it was reported. None of the bank's money was touched. The robbery was discovered this morning.

H. Kilgore, who is president of the bank, is also vice president of the State Bank of Lagrange, which was held up in daylight a week ago. According to Kilgore, the payroll at the Summit Bank was insured.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED IN MINE
EXPLOSION NEAR NEMO, TENN.

Seventy-five Workmen Were in Shaft of Dar Dour Coal Co. at Time of Accident.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Eleven miners were killed in an explosion at Mine No. 3 of the Dar Dour Coal and Coke Co., Catoosa, near Nemo, Tenn., late yesterday afternoon, according to word reaching here today. Seventy-five men were in the mine at the time.

TO TUNNEL SHIMONOSEKI STRAITS

Japanese Railway Board Plans 612-Mile Structure.

TOKIO, Nov. 19.—The Government Railway Board has decided to tunnel the Shimonoseki Straits, the western outlet of the Inland Sea, says an announcement. The tidal current through the straits is unusually rapid, making navigation difficult and at times impossible to all but the most powerful steamships.

A Bona Fide "Beat!"

Without the aid of cheap city legal, free write-ups or any other artificial stimulant the POST-DISPATCH yesterday, as usual, completely dwarfed both morning and both other evening papers in volume of Home-Merchants' Holiday store-news. The count for Wednesday:

POST-DISPATCH alone . . . 89 Cols.
Both morning papers combined . . . 84 Cols.
Both other evening papers combined . . . 78 Cols.

BRIG.-GEN. CLARK
TO BE MUSTERED
OUT OF SERVICERanking Militia Officer in Army
Recently Underwent Physical
Examination.

VISITING SON IN ST. LOUIS

Brigadier-General Harvey C. Clark of Nevada, Mo., ranking militia officer of the army, arrived in St. Louis this afternoon to visit his son, Edward A. Clark of 5018 Raymond avenue, a Washington University art student. He told a Post-Dispatch reporter at Union Station that his confidence in the army service would depend on the findings of a recent medical and physical examination which he underwent in Washington.

In army circles it is authentically reported that Gen. Clark soon will be notified that the War Department has decided to muster him out of the service, the equivalent of an honorable discharge.

Gen. Clark, since the mustering of the National Guard into the Federal service, has been assigned to the depot brigade at Camp Doniphan, Ok.

Gen. Clark explains situation. Recently there have been reports that Gen. Clark's retirement from military service might be expected. Explaining the situation on his arrival here, he said:

"I was one of the officers of the Sixty-ninth Depot Brigade who were examined as to their physical qualifications in October. I was disqualified because of pleurisy and Gen. L. C. Berry of the medical board recommended that I go to a tubercular hospital at Denning, N. M. The findings were sent to the Surgeon-General at Washington and I was given the choice of three alternatives. These were that I go to the hospital, that I resign or that I permit myself to be mustered out with honorable discharge.

I refused to go to the hospital or resign. Ten days ago, with other Generals, I stood a second examination at Washington. The findings have not been made public, but I was given to understand that pleurisy indications were found also at this examination.

"There has been an impression that officers disqualified for overseas service will be permitted to remain in the service for home duty. This is not so. If they are not fit to go abroad they must leave the service."

Gen. Clark said that though the findings in his own case had not been made public, it was officially known that Major-General Clements of Pennsylvania, Brigadier-General Wedgwood of Utah and Brigadier-General Gaither of Maryland had been found to be physically unfit for service.

EXPRESS COMPANIES ANNOUNCE
CHRISTMAS PACKAGE EMBARGO

Union Station Congested and Ship- pers Are Compelled to Carry Parcels to Downtown Offices.

The express companies are taxed so heavily with Christmas parcels they have been compelled to place an embargo on receiving packages at their outlying branches and are requiring shippers to carry their packages to Union Station and downtown express offices.

KIEL IN ROLE OF ADVOCATE
OF CITY RAILWAY OWNERSHIP

Mayor Kiel, at a meeting of the Mayor Commission today, appeared in a new role as an advocate of municipal street railway ownership when he said that unless a solution was quickly reached as to proposed plans for a Free Bridge loop, he would recommend that the city operate street cars over the bridge and over a loop in the downtown business district.

This suggestion was made during a discussion of a bridge and loop permit recently granted to the St. Louis & Illinois Railway Co., which Eugene Sweeney, former promoter of the Central Traction Co., Sweeney told the commission the president of the St. Louis & Illinois Railway Co. was E. E. Schuck, president of the Indianapolis Oil Refining Co.

BRITISH LOSSES FOR WEEK
17,976 OFFICERS AND MEN

Casualty List Includes 3512 of All Ranks Dead and 14,464 Wounded or Missing.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—British casualties reported in the week ending today totaled 17,976 officers and men, as follows: Killed, 3512; men, 3181.

NEW EMPLOYE AND DIAMONDS
VALUED AT \$3000 MISSING

Jewelry Manufacturers Discover Theft After Departure of Man Without Coat and Hat.

Detectives investigating the theft of diamonds valued at \$3000 from Kennedy & Co., jewelry manufacturers, 302-03-04 Oriol Building, Sixth and Locust streets, are seeking the owner of an olive green telescope hat and a blue serge suit. The theft was discovered when he left the building last night without his coat and hat. He went to work for Kennedy & Co. a week ago and claimed to have been employed in jewelry houses in Kansas City and other towns between here and the Pacific Coast.

At 6 o'clock last night the employee left the workshop saying that he was going to the washroom. His hat and coat were in a locker and his absence from the building was not discovered until after the jewelry was missed an hour later. Among the items taken were two diamond studs, 24 unset diamonds, a platinum ring and a pair of earrings.

COUNTY RESIDENTS URGED TO GO
TO HEADQUARTERS TO ENROLL

Red Cross Chairman Says Distance Between Houses Is Often So Great Canvass Is Impossible.

Workers in charge of the Red Cross membership campaign in St. Louis County are urging that the people of the county visit the various campaign headquarters and enroll, instead of waiting for individual solicitors to come to them.

C. L. Holman, chairman of the campaign, said that the distance between the houses is often so great that it is impossible to make a canvass. He explained that if everyone waited to be approached with an individual request, the result would not be what it might otherwise be. Because of the distance between homes, he explained, it is not possible to send workers to see everyone. It might be done in cities. But there is a headquarters in every locality, and questions will be answered by telephone at those headquarters.

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Program Calls for Construction of 150 5000-Ton Steel Cargo Vessels for Government.

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TURKS LOOTED HOLY SEPULCHER

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Bells Ring All Over City
When Mark Is Passed.

SCHOOLS IN MANY RALLIES

Parade Downtown of Uniformed
Organizations — Meetings in
Coliseum and High Schools.

Whistle-blowing, horn-tooting and bell-ringing throughout the city at 10:30 this morning marked the passing of the 50,000 mark in the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, the objective of which is not less than 150,000 new memberships and renewals in and around St. Louis, and 15,000,000 in the United States. Each new membership and renewal is accompanied by payment of \$1 or more.

Those in charge of the St. Louis campaign hope to exceed greatly, and even double the assigned quota of 150,000. This will require speeding up as the end of the campaign on Christmas eve approaches.

Recess was curtailed today in all the public schools so that the pupils might attend Red Cross membership campaign rallies in the afternoon. Pupils in all the schools had their regular classes. Special street cars were sent to the high schools for the rally there, on the dismissal of the schools at 2 o'clock. The graded school children did not need cars, as a march to the nearest high school was scheduled for them.

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Complete Restoration
of Conquered TerritoryPremier Also Tells House of Commons En-
gland's Aims Include Compensation--
More Submarines Being Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy together with compensation, was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the Government in a speech in the House of Commons today.

The Prime Minister said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinking by submarines, he declared, was decreasing, while ship building was increasing.

The Premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down by 20 per cent, he added, the loss had been only six per cent of imports over that of last year.

Regarding the military situation, Lloyd George said it was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse.

ALLIES ORGANIZE COUNCIL TO
APPORTION MARINE TONNAGE

Ships Will Be Assigned According to Needs of Each Country for Food and Munitions.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Close co-operation in utilizing means of maritime transport has been realized by the allies, says an official note, supplementing the statement made at the time the interallied conference concluded its sessions here. It was announced at that time that the allies had decided to create an organization for co-ordinating maritime activities, and today's statement says this council has been created, comprising representatives of the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy.

The council will draw up schedules for the division of tonnage in accordance with the needs of each country for food supplies and war purposes. A board will be created in each country to decide on utilization of the tonnage placed at the disposal of that nation.

The French board will be composed of Etienne Clementel, Minister of Communications; Louis Loucheur, Minister of Munitions; Victor Boret, Minister of Provisions; M. Jeanneney, Under Secretary for War; M. Lemery, Under Secretary for Mercantile Marine; M. Sergent, Under Secretary for Finance, and representatives of the army, navy, chiefs of staff and Chamber of Commerce.

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Entente Governments.Teutons Reported in Favor
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Self-Definition of NationsPETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—Accord-
ing to press reports, Russia has been
informed by the central Powers that
they intend to make peace propo-
sals to the allies.

This report is published in the Evening Post, which says the representatives of the central Powers, the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced their Government intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the Powers and that they had asked the allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It stated the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the allies.

The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolshevik headquarters that the central Powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on a basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that such a definition of nations was impracticable.

SAYS ARMOUR WAS
TO GET 91 PER CENT
STOCKYARD PROFITF. R. Hart of Chicago Concern
Tells of Agreement at
Federal Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—At the Federal Trade Commission's investigation of the Chicago Stockyards here today, F. R. Hart, one of the company's stockholders, testified that it had been agreed to pay J. Ogden Armour all the company's earnings over 9 per cent to keep Armour from moving the yards away from Chicago and further west.

With other sensational testimony to show that the company was organized to keep the plants from being moved away, a letter from S. H. Fessenden, a Boston broker, who assisted in the organization, was read, saying the proceeding was merely to legalize rebates to packers, so they might have a portion of the "kick" and might have their "pickings."

Certified minutes of the first meeting of the Chicago Stockyards Co. on Sept. 27, 1911, were introduced to give details of an agreement between F. R. Pegram, treasurer, and the company. The minutes recited that Pegram had obtained the assent of the holders of 60,000 shares of the common stock of the Chicago Junction Railway and Union Stockyards Co. to a plan formulated by a committee headed by Richard Olney as chairman.

Plan Read From Records.

It was said the plan assures to the Chicago Junction Railway and Union Stockyards Co., the continuation of the business, now carried on by the packers upon a permanent basis and a great increase in profits and the value of the shares of stocks.

Pegram was recorded as having given the plan and assets and \$1,000,000 in each to the company for \$8,000,000 in common stock. A person who previously had testified that his salary was \$2500 a year, testified that he knew nothing of the agreement as set forth in the minutes.

Mr. Hart told the commission the plan was devised because there seemed great danger of the business being driven away from Chicago to places farther west. Shareholders in the stock yard and Terminal Railways who lived in New England, were out of touch with their principal clients, the packers, and were afraid they were going to be left with the yards and railroads, but no cattle business. Therefore, he said, a company was organized to assume the risk. Asked how the formation of a new company was expected to assure the continuance of the packing industry in Chicago, Hart said that F. R. Pegram of Boston knew Armour personally, and that his influence was expected to have some effect in retaining the packing houses in Chicago.

GERMANY ESTIMATED TO HAVE
2,310,000 MEN ON WEST FRONT

Within One Division of Strength There When Effort Against France Was at Maximum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Germany's strength on the Franco-Russian front is placed in an official dispatch received here today at 2 divisions (2,310,000 men), or with one division of the great force amassed there last July when German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Withdrawals from Russian drafts upon the younger classes of reservists have enabled the Kaiser not only to make up the enormous losses suffered in battles, but to place the men sent to aid the Allies in their invasion of Italy.

Winter, therefore, finds the Germans with armies facing the Allies in France virtually equal to the best ever before mustered, with the prospect of a great offensive with the present peace offensive. The Allies, however, are under no necessity to maintain a superiority in numbers on the French front.

KRAINIANS REJECT AN ULTIMATUM OF THE BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd Wanted to Send Troops Through Country to Suppress Kaledines' Revolt.

OSSACKS TAKE TOWN

occupy Tcheliabinsk, a Junction on the Transiberian Railway.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The ada, the governing body of the kraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the Council of People's Commissaries, the Bolshevik Government.

Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

The executive council of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine cellars and shops.

The Bolshevik newspapers are complaining that the presence of the Red military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging Gen. Kaledines, leader of the counter revolution against the Maximalist Government, in view of the American military mission of which he is chief, Lieutenant-Colonel V. J. Johnson says that all American officers are in Petrograd.

The Bolshevik Government two weeks ago reported that Tcheliabinsk as being besieged by forces under the Transiberian Railroad is joined to the north by a railroad running through Penn and Katerburg.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximalists in November. The ultimatum offered to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviks that the Rada permit its troops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt.

In its official announcement concerning the counter revolution and the fact that time the Bolshevik Government has claimed that the Ukraine was aiding the Cossacks and the Constitutional Democrats.

A Petrograd dispatch dated last day said the Bolshevik units at Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, had been disarmed by the Ukrainians and sent to their homes.

Bolshevik troops, according to a dispatch received in London on Dec. 17, attacked an arsenal in Odessa, where a Ukrainian Rada was assembled. Ukrainian troops were summoned, and after street fighting the Maximalists were defeated. The same dispatch reported that a majority of the sailors of the Black Sea fleet had gone over to the Ukrainians.

The Ukraine, which means a frontier, is part of the old kingdom of Poland. It is made up of parts of the Governments of Poland, Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov, Ekaterinoslav and Chernovitz. These Governments have combined area of about 127,000 square miles and a population of about 25,000,000.

Refusal Means Rada is Considered at War With Bolsheviks.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The Bolshevik Government, according to Petrograd advices, has sent an ultimatum to the Ukrainian Rada. It demands that within 48 hours a decision be made whether the Ukrainian Rada will cease to assist Gen. Kaledines in sending troops and also whether it will stop disarming troops of the kraine. In case of refusal the Rada will be considered at war with the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies.

FREDERICK SWARTZ GIVES BOND ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Accused of Having Diverted to Own Use \$7200 Funds of Elberta Peach and Land Co.

Frederick Swartz of 5700 Clemens avenue, a broker, appeared in Judge Eikenhauser's Court today and gave \$5000 bond to answer an embezzlement charge made against him in an indictment returned by the December grand jury yesterday. He is accused of having diverted to his own use \$7200 of the funds of the Elberta Peach and Land Co., of which he is president.

Jay E. Boyd Jr., one of Swartz's principal partners in the company, died Nov. 17, 1914. The indictment alleges that on Dec. 23, 1914, Swartz drew a company check for \$7200 and cashed it at the Central National bank and retained the money. Mrs. Boyd, representing her husband's estate, filed a civil suit against Swartz which is still pending in the Circuit court.

Swartz's defense in this suit was at the \$7200 was due him as back salary for 12 years at the rate of \$500 month. Mrs. Boyd also alleged that Swartz was not voted to Swartz until he drew the money from the bank.

Blackboard Slate Falls; Cuts Pupil.

Anthony Callahan, 7 years old, of 18 Montclair avenue, son of a policeman, was cut on the scalp yesterday when a section of slate fell from a blackboard at which he was working at the Emerson School, Page street and Arlington avenue.

Daughter of Former President Announces Engagement in London



MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND.

ESTHER CLEVELAND TO WED BRITISH OFFICER

Daughter of Former President Went to London in June, 1916, to Nurse Blind Soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, to Capt. Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards. Capt. Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the distinguished service order.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind, and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING AT EAST ALTON POWDER PLANT

An explosion at 6:40 this morning demolished the frame wheelhouse of the Equitable Powder Co. at its East Alton plant and caused a shock in Alton and other nearby places, being felt in Edwardsville. No one was injured at the plant, according to the company's officials.

The only explanation offered by the officials was that friction in the machinery might have generated a spark which caused the explosion. No estimate of the damage was made public. Tons of powder in storage in other buildings were not affected. The wheelhouse was a place of manufacture, not of storage, and the powder there was in a partially completed state. The building was made with a light, iron-framing roof, so that a possible blast might vent itself upward, and this plan of construction is believed to have prevented what might otherwise have been a much heavier shock to the adjacent buildings.

At the wheelhouse it was learned the manufactured powder was regularly removed at 4 a. m. and a new grist of material was supplied, to be made into powder. Previous explosions, it was said, have occurred at about the same time in the morning.

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ORDNANCE MAKER BLAMES CIVILIAN BOARD FOR DELAY

Says Browning Machine Gun Was Adopted in May, but No Contracts Were Let Until July.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senate Military Committee, at a short session today, heard additional testimony regarding delays in supplying the war army with guns and ammunition.

Ordnance officers were criticized by Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, for imposing too rigid rifle specifications. Requirements for interchangeability of parts, he said, delayed production of three months last summer and he cited one private factory where last August workmen on a "cost plus" contract played checkers while waiting for work held up. Government arsenal methods he also criticized, saying the Springfield arsenal had some machinery 50 years old, while many army ordnance officers, he asserted, had no special training to qualify them.

Correspondence with Secretary Baker which he produced, disclosed a controversy between Colvin and Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance. The former told Secretary Baker that the arsenal officers were not qualified production engineers. Gen. Crozier said Colvin should be barred from inspecting arsenals because he insisted expert machinists and not army officers should be in charge.

Machine Gun Delay. Additional testimony regarding delay in machine gun production was given by vice president B. M. W. Hanson, of the Colt Arms Co. at Hartford Conn. Although the new Browning type was adopted last May, he said, no contract was made until July, although orders were anticipated and preliminary work begun. The delay was explained by Hanson as due in part to deliberations of the joint civilian army board appointed by Secretary Baker to test and adopt the new weapon. Hanson was a member of the board.

Although given the Browning gun contract in July, Hanson said that because of time needed to prepare new machinery his deliveries would not begin until next April. His firm, however, is making deliveries on previous orders of Vickers machine guns, some contracted for a year ago.

Regarding Government arsenal production, Hanson said the impression that they were "away behind the times" was wrong. The arsenal compares very favorably, he said, with foreign Government and American private factories. The principal difficulty of American arsenals, he explained, is in retaining skilled workmen. Rifle production has been greatly increased, he said, by adoption of the modified Enfield. The American rifle and ammunition, he said, are much superior to those of any of the allies and at least equal to Germany's.

Not Encouraged by Government. American machine gun manufacturers, Hanson declared, have had practically no encouragement from this Government, most of their orders coming from abroad.

In reply to questions by Senator Wadsworth, the witness admitted that if machine guns had been promptly ordered when the Government went into the war, Gen. Pershing's machine gun units now would not be required to use French arms and ammunition.

Upon conclusion of Hanson's testimony the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow, when Quartermaster Sharpe is to be examined. Orders for rifles placed several months after the war was declared, the manufacturers agreed in their testimony yesterday, are far ahead of contracted deliveries, without yet reaching maximum factory capacity. Virtually all of the contracts for rifles, machine guns and cartridges, they testified, are on the "cost plus a per cent of profit" basis, with machinery in their plants owned by the Government.

Charles H. Schlacks, general manager of the Remington plant at Edgemoor, Pa., said his factory was far ahead on rifle deliveries. Manufacture began, he said, based only on an informal understanding with Gen. Crozier in June, and preparations had been started in April, as a result of manufacturers' conferences and \$500,000 spent before a formal order was received. His deliveries began in September.

No War Department order, Schlacks said, had tended to retard his plant's production. Col. Thompson's demands for greater standardization, he stated, caused no appreciable delay, nor did the decision to modify the British Enfield rifle. Inability at times to get certain materials, he said, had slowed up production occasionally, but it had increased rapidly lately, although the maximum capacity had not yet been reached. The new American rifle, Schlacks said emphatically, is infinitely superior to the British type. "There is no comparison in reliability or functioning," he said.

Saw House Committee Members. After the former German Ambassador was dismissed, Schlacks said, he came to Washington and called attention of the House Military Affairs Committee members to the probability of war. He told them his factory was available to make rifles, but did not discuss the matter with the Ordnance Bureau. He heard nothing from that bureau, he said, until April.

"We thought rifles would be required," he witness said, "but the Ordnance Bureau knew we had an available plant."

Before taking the War Department contract, Schlacks said, his firm had finished a large British order, but they had always been satisfied with the British Enfield type, believing it of faulty design and deficient in functioning. The United States, he said, bought the rifle machinery in his plant from England at a reduction of 50 per cent from original cost, which was about \$10,000,000.

Vice President Lewis E. Stoddard of the Marlin corporation testified that if the War Department, when asked for orders in February had given them, 40,000 Colt machine guns could have been delivered by now. However, it was not the Colt gun, but the Browning which the War Department wanted.

Vice President Otterson of the Winchester company said deliveries of the Browning gun would begin within a month and reach full capacity in four months.

GUNDLACH FINDS CITY LOSING BIG SUMS IN TAXES

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present facts that are startling. Glaring inequalities favorable as rule to those well able to pay it are numerous. In one case while State and county taxes were paid on franchise valuations aggregating \$5,500,000, the city taxes were for some reason yet unexplained omitted.

This omission alone lost to the city approximately \$80,000,000 in one year.

From investigations made for a distance of five years back I find the same omissions, and in the case of one of the companies I have found that it goes back at least 10 years. It seems to me that these omitted taxes can still be collected.

Some of the leases made by the city show a woeful lack of care and information. In one case a lease made at \$50 per month on a basis of all that the property is worth is paralleled by another where property of equal value per square foot and 20 times the area of the former by payment of only \$100 per month, or one-twentieth of the revenue per square foot derived from the first lease.

Others disclose revenues on a basis of about one-fourth of what they ought to be on a most conservative value.

An expenditure for a careful survey of municipal administration would return manifold its cost. Very truly yours,

J. H. GUNDLACH.

Mr. Gundlach also sent a letter to Comptroller Nolte, regarding the low figure at which city land is leased to various tenants, chiefly railroad interests, and offering his help in bringing about rentals more remunerative to the city. This letter is as follows:

December 11, 1917. Honorable Louis Nolte, Comptroller, St. Louis. Dear Mr. Nolte: In examining values of real estate in the Railroad district immediately north of Bidle street, east of Main street, I have come across a number of leases made by the City which on investigation I believe you will find bring considerable less revenue than what the value of the land justifies.

One marked inconsistency I discovered is in two leases, the one being to the Union Electric Light & Power Co. for 2750 square feet, under ordinance No. 20840, expiring August 1, 1917, and I believe continued as a monthly lease since that time with a rental of \$50.00 per month, and the other being a monthly lease to the St. Louis Railroad Co. dated June 21, 1904,

for 53,300 square feet at a rental of \$100.00 per month. As I figure it, if the Wabash lease was at the same rate per one hundred square feet that the Union Electric pays, the Wabash lease would have to be approximately \$1000.00 per month instead of \$160.00.

I have only looked into a few of the cases, and I believe the city could increase its revenue materially if a careful investigation was made by a competent authority and action taken thereon.

Among the few I have looked into is a lease to the Wiggins Ferry Co., between Clinton and North Market streets for 80,462 square feet at \$160.32 per month. A conservative value of this property as I figure it should yield the city \$804.62. Another for the same company between Mound street and the Brazeau tract for 323,439 square feet at a monthly rental of \$308.65, should yield on a basis of conservative values \$3234.59 per month. There is another to the same company between North-Market and St. Louis avenue for 26,500 square feet at \$53 per month, which should yield about \$240 per month. Still another between Chambers and La Beaume streets to the same company, for 88,300 square feet now yielding \$367.91 per month ought to be approximately \$383.

Will you kindly give this your early attention and should you desire I will be glad to co-operate in an adjustment for proper rates. Very truly yours,

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the station time after time, in order to tie on something else behind the train, or to get on to a siding to let a trainload of trench floorboards and plum and apple jangle past up the line. When at last we really started, it was about at the speed of the "Rocket" on its trial trip.

Our enthusiastic "going on leave" ardor was severely tested, and nearly

broke down before we reached Boulogne, which we did late that night. But getting there, and mingling with the leave-going crowd which thronged the buffet, made up for all traveling shortcomings. Every variety of officer and army official was represented there. There were Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, quantities of private soldiers, sergeants and corporals, hospital nurses, and various other people employed in some war capacity or other. Representatives from every branch of the army, in fact, whose turn for leave had come.

I left the buffet for a moment to go across to the Transport Office, and walking along through the throng ran into my greatest friend. A most extraordinary chance this! I had not the least idea whereabouts in France he was, or when he might be likely to get leave. His job was in quite a different part, many miles from the Douve. I have known him for many years; we were at school together, and have always seemed to have the lucky knack of bobbing up to the surface simultaneously without prior arrangement. This feeling sent my spirits up higher than ever. We both adjourned to the buffet, and talked away about our various experiences to the accompaniment of cold chicken and ham. A merry scene truly, that buffet, always filled with thoughts of England. Nearly everyone there must have stepped out of the same sort of mud and danger bath that I had. And, my word! it is a first-class feeling, tingling about waiting for the boat when you feel you've earned this seven days' leave. You hear men on all sides getting the last ounce of appreciation out of the unique sensation by saying such things as, "Fancy those poor blighters, sitting in the mud up there; they'll be just about getting near 'Stand to' now."

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You rapidly dismiss a momentary flash in your mind of what it's going to be like in that buffet on the return journey.

Early in the morning, and while it was still dark, we left the harbor and plowed out into the darkness and the sea towards England. I claim the honored position of the world's worst sailor. I have covered several thousand miles on the sea, "brooked the briny" as far as India and Canada. I have been hurtled about on the largest Atlantic waves; yet I am, and always will remain, absolutely impossible at sea. Looking at the docks out of the hotel window nearly sends me to bed; there's something about a ship that takes the stuffing out of me completely. Whether it's that horrible pale varnished woodwork mingled with the smell of stuffy upholstery, or whether it's that nauseating whiff from the open hatch of the engine room, I don't know; but once on a ship I am as naught.

Of course the Channel was going to be rough. I could see that at a glance. I know exactly what to do about the sea now. I go straight to a bunk, and hope for the best; if no bunk—bribe the steward until there is one.

I got a bunk, deserted my friend in a cheerless way, and retired till the crossing was over. It was very rough.

In the cold gray hours we glided into Dover or Folkestone (I was too anemic to care which) and fastened up alongside the wharf. I had a dim recollection of getting my pal to hold my pack as we left Boulogne, and now I could see neither him nor the pack. Fearful crush struggling up the gangway. I had to scramble for a seat in the London train, so couldn't waste time looking for my friend. I had my haversack—he had my pack.

Back in Luxurious England. The train moved off, and now here we all were, back in clean, fresh, luxurious England, gliding along in an English train towards London. It's wonderful doing months and months of trenches to get that buoyant, electrical sensation of passing along through English country on one's way to London on leave.

I spent the train journey thinking over what I should do during my seven days. Time after time I mentally conjured up the forthcoming performance of catching the train at Paddington and gliding out of the shadows of the huge station into the sunlit country beyond—the rapid express journey down home, the drive out from the station, back in my own land again!

We got into London in pretty quick time, and I rapidly converted my dreams into facts.

Guilt in the same old trench clothes, with a goodly quantity of Flanders mud attached, I walked into Paddington station, and collared a seat in the train on Number 1 platform. Then, collecting a quantity of papers and magazines from the book stalls, I prepared myself for enjoying to the full the two hours' journey down home.

I spent a gorgeous week in Warwickshire, during which time my friend came along down to stay a couple of days with me, bringing my missing pack along with him. He had had the joy of carrying it laden with shell cases across London, and taking it down with him to somewhere near Aldershot, and finally bringing it to me without having kept any of the contents. Such is a true friend.

Anxious to Return to Trenches. As this book deals with my wanderings in France I will not go into details of my happy seven days' leave. I now resume at the point where I was due to return to France. In spite of the joys of England as opposed to life in Flanders, yet a curious phenomenon presented itself at the end of my leave. I was anxious to get back. Strange, but true. Somehow one felt that slugging away out in the dismal fields of war was the real thing to do. If someone had offered me a nice, safe, comfortable job in England, I wouldn't have taken it. I claim no credit for this feeling of mine. I know every one has the same. That buccannering, rough and tumble life out there

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MOLASSES KISSES Per lb. 15c

Jelly Beans Assorted, per lb. 15c

Fancy Mixed Per lb. 17c

Pimentos Add flavor to salads, 10c

RELISH Avondale, 12c

Olive Sauce For cold meats, 30c

SALAD DRESSING C. & G. large bottle, 22c

COUNTRY OLIVES

Quart. 30c, Half 10c, Stuffed 12c

Pickles Dills, 15c; Sweet, 9c

SWEET PICKLES 12c

MAZOLA Sauce Small bottles, 21c

Catsup Avondale, 2 for 25c

A. & H. SODA 4c

MAZOLA A cooking oil made from pure olive oil, 7c

Country Club Virgin olive oil, 20c

Delicious PINEAPPLE

Avondale, sliced in good syrup, 22c

PEACHES Chiffon large halves in good syrup, 17c

WALTER BAKER'S COCOA tin, 20c

Campbell's Soups All kinds, 11c

MACARONI or SPAGHETTI

Avondale, made with milk for the most delicious cakes imaginable, 20c

Pancake Flour

What You Can Do to Help Win This War

USE LESS SUGAR

We must send sugar to the Allies, one and a half million tons more than we did before the war. The usual American consumption of sugar is 100 lbs. per person a year. A small daily service in substitution can be done by all. Try using every measure, etc., for sweetening whenever possible.

Blue Label KARO 13c

Red Label KARO 16c

Blue Label KARO 15c

Red Label KARO 19c

Blue Label KARO 23c

Red Label KARO 23c

BEANS NAVY 5 lbs. 79c

COUNTRY PORK AND BEANS

CORN 12c

PEAS 12c

Asparagus 25c

Tomatoes 1917 pack, 25c

Mixed Vegetables 25c

CUT WAX BEANS

SAUERKRAUT 3 lbs. 10c

MILK Pink Alaska SALMON 18c

SHRIMP C. & G. for making delicious salads, No. 1 tin, 10c

HOLLAND HERRING 5c

Economy Guatemala COFFEE 21c

Malt-Nutrine Recommended where additional strength is needed, large bottle, 47c

Salt Fine table, 4c

5c CELERY SALT Avondale, sifted, top bottle, 10c

CURRY POWDER Avondale, sifted, top bottle, 10c

PEANUTS Jumbo, roasted, lb. 17c

Country Spaghetti Cooked ready to serve in tomato sauce and grated cheese, No. 2 can, 15c

PEANUT BUTTER, Country Club, fresh, tasty flavor, 7 1/2-oz. tumb., 16c

Country Club, 10c

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216-SIZE FANCY FLORIDA ORANGES

Sound, deliciously sweet, juicy, per doz. 30c

CELERY Michigan, large crisp stalks, 5c

SWEET POTATOES Exceptionally fine sweet mealy cookers, per lb. 4c

POTATOES Northern, good size, sound, 15c

CHRISTMAS TREES Place your order now; fine bushy trees, 40c up

EVERGREEN WREATHS Rich looking, 16-inch diam., ever, 3 for 25c

TURNIPS Sound, a 10 lbs. 15c

LEMONS Per doz. 15c

ONIONS Sound, 2 lbs. 7c

COUNTRY FRUIT CAKE The most delicious you ever tasted. Only the finest ingredients enter into the making of these Fruit Cakes. An ideal gift to send the soldier in camp—he will appreciate this sort of a remembrance. These cakes average 1 lb. each, and the price is but 50c.

MINCEMEAT Gift Edge: a big 2-lb. tin, 52c

CITRON Dried Lemon Peel 25c

RAISINS seeded Muscats, 10c

SPICES C. & G. all kinds, 5c

JELLO 3 pkgs. 25c

TAPIOCA Minute Instant, 12c

CORN STARCH, Sm. Lg. 10c

FRESH DRESSED TURKEYS Fancy Indiana: young, tender, plump; a whole carload, selected by our buyer and arranged to be No. 1 birds. You will make no mistake purchasing your Christmas turkey from Kroger.

Ducks Fresh dressed, young, plump, per lb. 30c

Geese Exceptionally fine, young, per lb. 28c

Spring Chickens The finest in St. Louis, per lb. 28c

Hens Young, per lb. 25c

Rib Roast Good quality, ten-ten, per lb. 20c

Chuck Roast Good quality, ten-ten, per lb. 16c

Rabbits Special, per lb. 2 for 35c

Fresh LINK PORK Sausage purest ingredients, lb. 25c

POTTED MEAT Ham flavor, 4 tins 15c

Country Club, 10c

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Gift Certificates

Un- and make sure of your gift being the right article. The recipient makes his or her own selection, and certificates are issued to any amount, redeemable in any department at any time. (Public Service Bureau, Main Floor.)

The Stix Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Company

Store Hours 8:30 A. M. to 6 P. M. Daily Until Christmas

Personal Greeting Cards

PRETTY designs, with appropriate sentiments and name typographed, envelopes to match, per lot of 25, at 40c to \$1.50. Delivery guaranteed within one day of order. 100 Visiting Cards, in holly box, and card case, 75c (Printing Dept., Main Floor.)

Women's Winter Coats

\$15 \$20 \$25



IN these three lots are unusual values. About 500 garments, including many of the newest modes.

The materials include tweeds, kerseys, Burella cloths, wool velours, plushes, poms, broadcloths and a few Bolivias.

There is a complete size range for women of small proportion as well as those requiring extra sizes. (Third Floor.)

A Sale of Sweaters

Surplus Stocks From Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co., in Two Lots—



Men's at \$2.25 Boys' at \$1.25

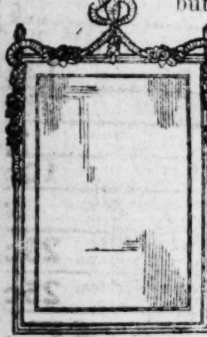
A MOST timely and helpful event for those who contemplate the purchase of Sweaters as gifts.

Sweaters are of worsted, wool-and-cotton, wool-and-merino and other mixtures, in shaker knit, jersey, cardigan stitch and other weaves, with shawl collar, V-neck and coat styles, in shades of gray, navy, maroon, cardinal, brown, etc.

Boys' sizes 4 to 14 years, men's sizes 34 to 48. (Second Floor Annex.)

Give a Pretty Mirror

—and you will present not only a home utility but a decoration as well.



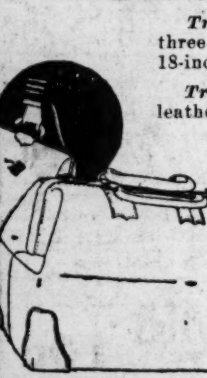
There are Colonial, French, Japanese, Italian, Polo-chrome effects and many with candle brackets attached. Some are finished in mahogany, others in various wood finishes, or in rich tones of antique gold or silver.

Panel Mirrors, in great profusion. \$2.00 to \$15.00

Mantel Mirrors, in three-panel style. \$12.50 to \$30.00

Square or Oval Mirrors, appropriate for halls and living rooms, at \$8.90 to \$25.00. (Fourth Floor.)

Gifts of Luggage



Traveling Bags, of cowhide, hand-sewed, with three inside pockets—18-inch size—at \$12.00

Traveling Bags, of natural walrus hide leather—18-inch size—at \$16.50

Traveling Bags, of mammoth walrus and sole leather—20-inch size—at \$25.00

Fitted Suit Cases, of black long grain leather, with Parisian ivory fittings—20 and 22 inch sizes—at \$22.50

Week-End Cases, of black enameled duck over steel frame, cretonne lined, with toilet articles—at \$7.00

Suit Cases, of black walrus—straps all around—fancy lined—at \$12.00

Sole Leather Suit Cases, heavy stock, 24-inch size—at \$20.00 (Second Floor Annex.)

Toys at Great Savings

AN important list of items that bring splendid savings to Friday Toy buyers. Prices prevail while quantities last.

Brass Doll Beds, well made—specially priced, \$1.89
"Spiffy" Cars, a delight to little boys, \$3.89
Hook and Ladder, painted red, exceptionally well made—complete with ladders—special, \$19.50
Noah Arks, complete with animals, \$30c
Irish Mail for boys and girls, 3 to 12 years of age—rubber-tired wheels, \$4.19
Wiggle Wobble, a new and interesting toy for little tots—Trains, Cars or Alligator, pulled with string—choice, 60c

Baby Dolls, with wig, in dress and cap—ribbon and bell tied around neck, 60c
Children's Tables, white enameled finish, folding style, 60c
Dining-Room Sets, consisting of table and two chairs, in red enamel finish, \$2.59
Automobiles Specially Priced
All exceptionally well made, with rubber-tired wheels.
Black-and-yellow enameled Automobile, \$5.75
Green enameled Automobile, \$7.75
Big red Automobile, \$9.95
Automobile, red enamel finish, \$13.25
Girls' Tricycles, heavy rubber-tired wheels, mud guards, \$11.50
Meccano and Meccano Accessory Sets, while they last at a discount of 33 1/3%.
Baby Dolls, with baby faces, and pacifier, mohair wig, in baby dress, knitted sacque, cap and booties, \$1.95
Character Baby Dolls, prettily dressed—the hard-to-break kind, with no wig, \$1.50
Sleds, the steering kind—T-shaped steel runners, \$1.29
Shoo-Fly, duck design, white enameled finish—nice size, \$1.95 (Fifth Floor.)

Specials.

Until 11 O'clock

Belated Shoppers Can Save Much by Shopping Early

Men's Silk Socks
1—Accordion ribbed, many styles and color combinations, some irregular; pair, 98c (Main Floor.)

Fiber Suit Cases
2—Pull cloth lined, fold in lid, straps all around, 24 and 26-inch sizes, \$2.85 (Second Floor Annex.)

Men's Shirts
3—Gray Flannellette, collar attached, and made with pocket, cut good and full, 50c (Downstairs Store.)

Gift Stationery
4—24 sheets and 24 envelopes to the box, 21c (Main Floor.)

Pink Silk Camisoles
5—"Kaiser" Silk Camisoles, lace trimmed, 95c (Main Floor.)

Williams' Toilet Water
6—Choice of violet, rose or khaki, Amadi, 3-ounce bottle, 39c (Main Floor.)

Men's Wash Leather Gloves
7—One-clasp, tan and gray, self and black embroidered backs. All sizes, \$2.50 (Main Floor.)

Kid or Cape Gloves
8—Women's, prix seam and leatherette, one-clasp—also slip-on wrist, \$1.65 (Main Floor.)

Men's Knitted Mufflers
9—Fiber silk, Roman and college stripes, silk fringed, in individual box, \$1.95 (Men's Store—Main Floor.)

Women's Handkerchiefs
10—Sheer lawn, hand-embroidered in floral designs, in all-white or colored effects—some are finished, \$1.00 (Main Floor.)

Sewing Boxes
11—Cretonne and Leatherette, fitted with sewing room accessories, 95c (Notion Section—Main Floor.)

Glove Silk Vests
12—Fine lace trimmed, in many styles, \$1.48 (Main Floor.)

Whitely Exercisers
13—Combination Hand Exercisers and double strand Chest Pull. Light, 17c (Second Floor Annex.)

Children's Handkerchiefs
14—Charlie Chaplin Handkerchiefs, with his likeness embroidered in fine line in one corner, two in box for in one corner, two in box for (Downstairs Store.)

Women's Handkerchiefs
15—Fine lawn, in novelty colored effects, with embroidered block letter initials—6 in gift box, 39c (Downstairs Store.)

Middy Blouses
16—About 150 Blouses, size range broken, but in the lot are sizes 14 to 20, 49c (Third Floor.)

Novelty Silk Socks
17—A good assortment in black, white, stripes and colors, pair, 59c (Main Floor.)

Silk Stockings
18—Novelty designs, lace fronts, stripes, checks, some irregular, 98c (Main Floor.)

Infants' Bunting
19—As illustrated, white edged with scalloped edge, 1.25 (Second Floor.)

Matting Suit Cases
20—Genuine Jap matting over boxwood frame, fancy cretonne lining, brass locks, anchor handle, short straps, \$2.50 (Second Floor Annex.)

Nightgowns
21—High and low neck styles, trimmed with embroidery insertion and edge, \$1.00 (Second Floor.)

Silk Petticoats
22—Solid colors and changeables, with deep flounce trimmed with small ruffles and tucks, \$3.50 (Second Floor.)

Silk Petticoats
23—Some washable, in evening shades, scalloped ruffle, \$3.95 (Second Floor.)

Jap Serving Trays
24—Highly lacquered, black background with gold butterflies, \$1.00 (Sixth Floor.)

White Wash Waists
25—Including Wirthmor Waists—tailored and lace-trimmed, 75c (Downstairs Store.)

Embroidered Pillowcases
26—Nicely scalloped and embroidered, each pair boxed, 89c (Second Floor.)

Dresser Sets
27—Hand-Painted Japanese china, Comb and Brush Tray, Footed Powder and Hair Boxes, Pin Tray and Hatpin Holder, \$2.25 (Fifth Floor.)

Chocolate Sets
28—Japanese china Chocolate Pot and six Cups and Saucers, \$2.95 (Fifth Floor.)

Almond Sets
29—Japanese wood lacquer Nut Bowl, 6 Almond Dishes and ladle, \$1.25 (Fifth Floor.)

Smoking Sets
30—Verdi green or bronze finish, large tray, cigar tray with insert and cigar rest, \$1.50 (Fifth Floor.)

Savory Roasters
31—Large size, dark blue mottled, special until 11 o'clock, \$1.95 (Fifth Floor.)

Nut Bowls
32—Mahogany finish, nickel-plated spring Nut Cracker, \$1.89 (Fifth Floor.)

Football Players
33—A mechanical toy amusing and interesting, 10c (Fifth Floor.)

Double Bubble
34—A wood pipe for making bubbles, for both boys and girls, 2 for 5c (Fifth Floor.)

Tinsel Garlands
35—For decorating Christmas trees, yard, 3c (Fifth Floor.)

Men's Elgin Watches
36—Gold-filled, 26-year case—jewel movement, 12 size, \$8.95 (Main Floor.)

26-Pc. Silverware Chest
37—Wm. A. Rogers sectional plate, guaranteed 25 years, six each of Knives, Forks, Tea and Table Spoons, Sugar Shell and Butter Knife, \$7.00 (Main Floor.)

Folding Cameras
38—Burke & James, \$24.44. Twelve to offer at (Main Floor.)

Serving Tray
39—As illustrated, nicely finished, glass covered, with handles, 95c (Fifth Floor.)

Comfy Slippers
40—De Luxe Felt Slippers, in felt and pastel shades, \$1.19 (Main Floor.)

Sale of Furs

A GREAT surplus stock purchase from a New York furrier, offering remarkable values. In this collection are pretty Sets, Muffs, Scarfs and a number of Fur Coats, just in time for gift buyers.

Muffs

Nutria Muffs, special, \$5.95
Black Fox Muffs, special, \$14.75
Kolinsky Muffs, special at \$15.00
Hudson Seal Muffs, special, \$10.00
Skunk Muffs, special at \$17.50
Lynx Muffs, special, \$18.50
Mole Muffs, special, \$27.50
Ermine Muffs, special, \$39.75

Scarfs

Skunk Scarfs, special, \$19.75
Lynx Scarfs, special, \$22.50
Mole Scarfs, special, \$24.75
White Fox Scarfs, special, \$25.00
Kolinsky Scarfs, special, \$39.75
Taupe and Point Fox Scarfs, special, \$29.75

Sets at Special Prices

Fox Sets, special, \$18.50 to \$59.75
Mole Sets, special, \$59.75 to \$125
Lynx Sets, special, \$49.75 to \$79.50
Natural and Australian Opossum Sets at \$69.50 to \$89.75
Fisher Sets, \$49.75 to \$89.75
Pointed Fox Sets, \$79.50 to \$135 (Third Floor.)

New Trimmed Hats

at \$5.00

RECENT arrivals from New York display many advance Spring fashions as well as current Winter modes in the height of fashion.

There are Hats of satin, satin-and-maline, satin-and-fur and ribbon, all having touches of flowers, ornaments and novelty effects.

There are close-fitting Hats, Turbans, Pokes, Sailor and Mushroom shapes, in a wide array at this very popular price. (Third Floor.)

For the Boys' Gifts

THE Boys' Clothing Store offers scores of suggestions in articles that make most practical remembrances.

Corduroy Suits

With Extra \$7.45 Knickers, at \$7.45

New Norfolk styles, in dark drab shades. Both pairs of trousers cut full and well tailored. Sizes 6 to 18.

Mackinaws at \$5.95

All-wool, in pretty plaid designs. Sizes 8 to 18.

Raincoats, \$2.95 to \$7.45

All guaranteed rainproof, cut full length, with auto collar. Sizes 6 to 16.

Boys' Caps, 98c and \$1.48

New Trench models, with inside earbands, in fancy colors.

Skating Caps, 49c, 69c and 89c (Second Floor Annex.)

100-Piece Dinner Sets

at \$15.00

JUST in time for gift buyers, we have received 25 sets of English semi-porcelain, in attractive floral decoration with gold lining. Sets are modeled on plain shapes.

100-piece Dinner Sets, of Japanese china, in dainty pink blooms or pheasant designs—at \$24.50

100-piece Dinner Sets of English semi-porcelain, with cobalt blue hand between mat gold lines—at \$34.50

Cake Sets of seven pieces, Japanese china—in various designs—at \$1.59

Salad Sets of seven pieces, hand-decorated Japanese china—at \$1.59

Zona Pottery Jardiniere, in black-and-white effects, with pin rose and Blue Bird design—10-inch opening, 95c

Pottery Umbrella Jars, 19 inches high—10-inch opening, \$1.98 (Fifth Floor.)

Women's Bath Robes

Of Beacon Cloth, \$2.69 Special at

A FRESH new lot, bought at a great price advantage, has just come to hand in time for Friday's selling.

There are pink, gray, rose, navy, red and light blue background, in conventional and Oriental patterns, with collars embroidered, scalloped or finished with bands of satin. Robes have cord around waist and are finished with pockets. Cut extra full and in sizes to 44. (Downstairs Store.)

BAIRNSFATHER TELLS OF HIS FIRST LEAVE AND TRIP TO LONDON

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has its attractions. The spirit of adventure is in most people, and the desire and will to biff the Boches is in everyone, so there you are. I drifted back via London, Dover

and Boulogne, and thence up the same old stagnant line to Creme de Menthe. I got out at the "station," and had a solitary walk along the empty, muddy lanes, back to the Transport Farm.

It was the greyest of grey days when I arrived at my one-horse terminus. I got out at the "station," and had a solitary walk along the empty, muddy lanes, back to the Transport Farm.

Plodding along in the thin rain that was falling I thought of home, London, England, and then of the job before me. Another three months at least before any further chance of leave could come my way again. Evening was coming on. Across the flat, somber country I could see the tall, swaying poplar trees standing near the farm. Beyond lay the

rough and rugged road which led to the Douve trenches. Tomorrow night I should be back along back to the trenches before Wulverheim.

CHAPTER XX.
Back from Leave—"That Blukin' Moon"—Johnson—Oles—Tommy and Brightness.

I had expected, the battalion were just finishing their last days out in rest billets, and were going "in" the following night. Reaction from leave set in for me with unprecedented violence. It was horrible weather, pouring with rain all the time, which made one's depression worse.

Leave over, rain, rain, rain; trenches again, and the future looked like being perpetually the same, or perhaps worse. Yet, somehow or other, in these times of deep depression, which come to everyone now and again, I cannot help smiling. It has always struck me as an amusing thing that the world, and all the human beings therein, do get themselves into such curious and painful predicaments, and then spend the rest of the time wishing they could get out.

My reflections invariably brought me to the same conclusion, that here I was, caught up in the coils of this immense, uncontrollable war machine, and like everyone else, had, and must to stick it out to the end.

The next night we went through all the approved formula for going into the trenches. Started at dusk, and got into our respective mud cavities a few hours later. I went all round the trenches again, looking to see that things were the same as when I left them, and, on the Colonel's instructions, started a series of alterations in several gun positions. There was one trench that was so obscured along its front by odd stumps of trees that I decided the only good spot for a machine gun was right at one end, on a road which led up to Messines. From here it would be possible for us to get an excellent view of the fire.

To have this gun on the road meant making an emplacement there somehow. That night we started scheming it out, and the next evening began work on it. It was a bright moonlight night, I remember, and my Sergeant and I went out in front of our parapet, walked along the field and crept up the ditch a little way, considering the machine-gun possibilities of the land. That moonlight feeling is very curious. You feel as if the enemy can see you clearly, and that all eyes in the opposite trench are turned on you. You can almost imagine a Boche smilingly taking an aim, and saying to a friend, "We'll just let him come a bit closer first." Everyone who has had to go "out in front," wiring, will know this feeling. As a matter of fact, it is astonishing how little one can see of men in the moonlight, even when the trenches are very close together. One gets quite used to walking about freely in this light, going out in front of the parapet and having a look round. The only time that really makes one apprehensive is when some gang of men or other turn up from way back somewhere, and have come to assist in some operation near the enemy. They, being unfamiliar with the caution needed, and unappreciative of what it's like to have a neighbor who "hate" you 60 yards away, generally bring trouble in their wake by one of the party shouting out in a deep bass or a shrill soprano, "Ere, chuck the ammer, Arvy," or something like that, following the remark up with a series of volcanic-like blows on top of an iron post. Result: three star shells soar out into the frosty air, and a burst of machine gun fire skins over the top of your head.

Targets for Heavy Shells.

We made a very excellent and strong emplacement on the road, and used it henceforth. I had a lot of bother with one gun in those trenches, which was placed at very nearly the left-hand end of the whole line. I had been obliged to fix the gun there, as it was very necessary for dominating a certain road. But when I took the place over from the previous battalion, I thought there might be difficulties about this gun position, and there were. The night before we had made our inspection of these trenches, a shell had landed right on top of the gun emplacement and had "ousted" the whole concern, unfortunately killing two of the gun section belonging to the former battalion. For some reason or other that end of our line was always being shelled. Just in the same way as they plunked shells daily into St. Yvon, so they did here. Each morning, with hardly ever a miss, they shelled our trenches, but almost invariably in the same place: the left-hand end. The difference between St. Yvon and this place was, however, that here they always shelled with "heavies." Right back at the Douve farm a mile away, the thundering crash of one of these shells would rattle all the windows and make one say, "Where did that one go?"

All round that neighborhood it seemed to have been the fashion, past and present, to use the largest shells. In going along the Douve one day, I made a point of measuring and examining several of the holes. I took a photograph of one, with my cap resting on one side of it, to show the relative proportion and give an idea of the size. It was about fourteen feet in diameter, and seven feet deep. The largest shell hole I have ever seen was over 20 feet in diameter and about twelve feet deep. The largest hole I have seen made by an implement of war, though not by a gun or a howitzer, was larger still, and its size was colossal. I refer to a hole made by one of our trench mortars, but regret that I did not measure it. Round about our farm were a series of holes of immense size, showing clearly the odium which that farm had incurred, and was incurring; but, whilst I was in it, nothing came in through the roof or walls. I have heard that that old farm is no more, having been shelled out of existence. All my sketches on those plaster walls form part of a

slack heap, surrounded by a moat. Well, this persistent shelling of the left-hand end of our trenches meant a persistent readjustment of our parapets, and putting things back again. Each morning the Boches would knock things down and each evening we would put them up again. Our soldiers are only amused by this procedure. Their humorously cynical outlook at the

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Diamond La Valliere—exclusive platinum design, set with five diamonds and solitaire drop. \$208.00



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The Brooch illustrated is in solid gold, set with carved pink Cameo and four exquisite white diamonds. \$75.00
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Handsome Diamond Bar Pin—a new creation! Designed in platinum and set with 21 diamonds. \$263.00



New Diamond Dinner Ring, designed in rich platinum and set with 3 brilliant diamonds. \$56.00



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is always acceptable and another good reason for its popularity as a Christmas remembrance is that the great diversity simplifies selection. All kinds in our Neckwear Shop—from the plain tailored neckties to the daintiest and most elaborate ones of real lace.

Table Runners

These are of exceptional quality at the prices marked. Diversity simplifies selection. All kinds in our Neckwear Shop—from the plain tailored neckties to the daintiest and most elaborate ones of real lace.

Silk Plush Robes

For use in closed cases these imported Robes are most attractive. Luxuriously soft silk plush in richest tones of irresistible beauty.

Dinner Sets

Those who are contemplating giving a Dinner Set will be especially interested in our splendid assortment. Finest French and American China Sets in many beautiful patterns including the popular border designs. Sold in open stock and in sets, 100-piece sets.

Satin Marseilles Bedspreads

They have scalloped edges, cut corners and extra-long overhang for box springs. Single-bed size, \$5.00 to \$7.50
Double-bed size, \$5.00 to \$8.50
Blanket Shop—Second Floor.

For Men Who Smoke

Genuine French Briar Pipes, in cases \$1.45 to \$7.00
Genuine Meerschaum Pipes \$5.00 up
Cigar and Cigarette Cases \$1.00 to \$10.00

Metal Ash Tray, in bronze finish, with two cigar rests, safety match holder and removable glass tray—special at 50c

Cigarettes

Naturals, 50 in tin, 75c; 100 in tin \$1.50
Murads, 50 in tin; 75c; 100 in box \$1.50
Benson & Hedges (quality fine), 200 in special box at \$3.00
Pall Mall, Phillip Morris and Ex-Dieties, 100 for \$2.25
Cigar Shop—First Floor.

Cigar and Cigarette Holders, in cases

\$1.00 to \$12.00
Ash Trays 25c to \$14.00
Smokers' Stands \$2.50 to \$18.00

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All of the popular brands of Cigars packed in special Christmas boxes and priced 50c to \$7.50
The favorite Tobaccos in popular-size packages.

Devil's Food Layer Cake

Tomorrow 49c instead of 50c

We have taken many orders for Fruit Cake at 65c and \$1 a pound and are prepared to take yours. Don't forget the Tea and Coffee required for your Christmas dinner. Basement.



Useful Silk Bags

Rich in quality and variety are the Hand Bags that we are now showing—some very distinctive ones that will prove highly acceptable for Christmas.

Service Plates

These make very nice gifts—we have them of finest English Bone China, priced the dozen, \$15 to \$100. Plates in other sizes—Bread-and-Butter Plates, Fruit Plates, Entree Plates, etc., the dozen, \$1.50 to \$250. China Shop—Fourth Floor.

After-dinner Coffees

Another practical gift—we have them in French and English wares priced, the dozen from \$3 to \$75. Also Bouillon Cups and Saucers, the dozen \$5.00 to \$75.00. China Shop—Fourth Floor.

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They are large and roomy, beautifully designed and exceptionally well made. Made of 3-in. red Tennessee cedar and a very special feature is the locked corners which are guaranteed not to spread; equipped with lock, key and casters.

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BAIRNSFATHER TELLS OF HIS FIRST LEAVE AND TRIP TO LONDON

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Boche temper renders them impervious to anything the Germans can ever do or think of. Their outlook towards a venomous German attempt to do something "frightfully" nasty is very similar to a large and powerful nurse dealing with a fractious child—sort of: "Now, then, Master Frankie, you mustn't kick and scream like that." One can almost see a group of stolid, unimaginative, non-humorous Germans, taking all things with their ridiculous seriousness, sending off their shells and pulling hateful faces at the same time. You can see our men sending over a real stiff, quieting answer, with a sporting twinkling in the eye, perhaps jokingly remarking, as a shell is pushed into the gun, "Here's one for their Officer's Mess, Bert."

On several evenings I had to go round and arrange for the reconstruction of the ruined parapet or squashed-in dugouts. It was during one of these little episodes that I felt the spirit of my drawing, "There goes our blinking parapet again," which I did some time later. I never went about looking for ideas for drawings; the whole business of the war seemed to come before me in a series of pictures. Jokes used to stick out of all the horrible dis-

comfort, something like the points of a harrow would stick into you if you slept on it.

I used to visit all the trenches and look up the various company commanders and platoon commanders in the same way as I did at St. Yvon. I got a splendid idea of all the details of our position; all the various ways from one part of it to another. As I walked back to the Douve farm at night, nearly alone, I used to keep on exploring the wide tract of land that lay behind our trenches. "I'll have a look at that old cottage up on the right tonight," I used to say to

myself, and later, when the time came for me to walk back from the trenches, I would go off at a new angle across the plain, and make for my objective. Once inside, and feeling out of view of the enemy, I would go round the deserted rooms and lofts by the light of a few matches, and if the house looked as if it would prove of interest, I would return the next night with a candle, and make an examination of the whole thing. They are all very much alike, these houses in Flanders; all seem to contain the same mangled remains of simple, homely occupations. Strings of onions, old straw

bats, and clogs, mixed with an assortment of cheap clothing, with perhaps here and there an umbrella or a top hat. That is about the class of stuff one found in them. After one of these expeditions I would go on back across the plain, along the corduroy boards or by the bank of the river, to our farm.

Designer Dies When Dining.
While dining at her home yesterday evening, Mrs. Aimee W. Nacke of 6111 Berlin avenue, buyer and designer of costumes for the Scruggs-

Vandervoort-Barney company, succumbed to heart trouble. Mrs. Nacke, who was 51 years old, was widely known as a designer of gowns. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Hat-

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Choose these really desirable gifts. He or she has the privilege of purchasing whatever is most wanted. (Exchange Desk—Main Floor.)

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For sale at booths on our Main Floor, under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League.
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Gifts for Soldiers
A gift from "someone's" back home is one of the fighting man's greatest joys, and we're ready to serve with gift articles for "the boys" at training camps. All you need to do is to make your selection, we'll do the packing and the sending—we know how.
(Soldiers' Gift Shop—Main Floor.)

A Specially Planned Sale of T-O-Y-S
For Friday Only
Note These Savings:

\$1.95 Blackboards; easel style, with chart and desk drop; Friday \$1.65
\$2.50 Iron Express Wagons; \$2.00 (nicely painted; Friday)
\$2.45 Velocipedes; strongly made; \$2.00 (nicely painted; Friday)
\$1.50 Train and Tracks; strong make; Friday \$1.20
\$5.50 Rocking Horses; dapple gray; on swing; strongly made; Friday \$5.25
Hand Cars; rubber tired; \$3.95 (wheels nicely painted; Friday)

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That Will Prove Happy Surprises
"McCallum" Silk Hosiery; black, white and colors; sizes 8 1/2 to 10, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
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Men's Silk Half Hose; black and colors, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
Men's Silk Accordion Half Hose; pair, \$3.00.
Boys' and Girls' Black Cotton Hosiery; 1x1 ribbed; sizes 5 to 10, pair, 25c (Main Floor.)

HEADQUARTERS FOR GOOD GLOVE GIFTS
Women's one-clasp White Kid Gloves; "Adler make;" soft quality with two-toned stitching. \$2.00
Women's one-clasp "Bacomo" select quality Kid Gloves; two-toned embroidered 1/2-inch contrast welts; white or white with black. \$2.25
Women's one and two clasp fine Imported Kid Gloves; white or black. \$1.50
Kaiser two-clasp washable Chambray Gloves; white. \$1.00
Children's one-clasp Jersey Gloves; fleece lined; tan or gray. 59c
Children's Velour Gloves (imitation fur); leather palms. 85c (Main Floor.)

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Beautiful Gifts at Remarkable Low Prices
Clifton Velvet Hand Bags with round or square tops; mirror inside of top, as pictured. \$5.00
French Pearl Bows; graduated French filled; solid gold clasp; large size. \$3.00
Vanity Cases of gold and silver plate, as pictured. \$3.50
Thimbles for home sewers' gifts; sterling silver. 25c to \$1.00
With gold bands. \$2.00
Solid gold Thimbles. \$3.00
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Brooch Pins of solid gold tops; each in velvet lined gift box, as pictured. \$1.00

\$1.95 STOCKS and JABOTS, Reduced to \$1.29
Stocks and Jabots made of imported Oriental lace; neat designs; white or ecru.
Crepe de Chine Scarfs of washable material, printed in handsome floral designs; various color combinations. \$1.50
50c Stocks and Jabots trimmed with shadow or Oriental lace; some made of fine net, ornamented with fancy tuck or hem-stitching, reduced to 39c
Sport Sets, consisting of brushed wool scarf and caps to match. A most practical Christmas gift for children, \$1.25 and \$1.50
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Choose from our complete assortments
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Muffs
Red Fox Muffs, \$10.00
Gray Wolf Muffs, \$15.00
Victoria Wolf Muffs, \$17.50
Scotch Mole Muffs, \$32.50
American Mink Muffs, \$37.50
Jap. Kolinsky Muffs, \$17.50 (Second Floor.)

WOMEN'S LOUNGING ROBES, \$7.50
Beacon Blanket Robes and Eider-down of the better quality; several styles, very attractive patterns, trimmed with wide satin ribbons; cord girdle; light and dark shades. Sizes up to 48.
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Blanket Robes, in an assortment of colors and patterns; cord girdle. Sizes up to 44. \$2.50
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Friday Is Dollar Day in the XMAS SILK SALE
Half pieces and short lengths of desirable Silks go at these savings.
\$1.75 Plaid and Stripe Satins; 36 in. wide...
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\$1.50 Dress Velveteens; dark green only; 27 in. wide...
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Two Remarkable Price Lots of Unusual Gifts
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Large Tokanabe Vases...
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Large Donatello Vases...
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Your Xmas Gifts for Men Will Cost Less Here
Save on Bath Robes!
All of our \$4.95 Bath Robes now reduced to \$3.45
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Assorted patterns with combination colors of tan and white, pink and white, gray and white, also dark colors. These are fast colors; large size 72x-84 in. Packed in a box.
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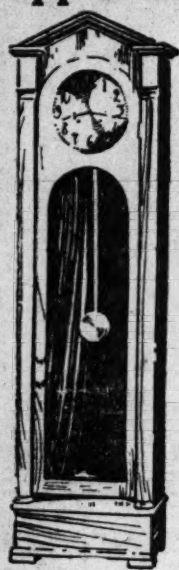
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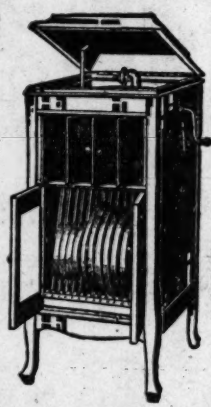
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NAVY MEASURES UP TO REQUIREMENTS, OFFICIALS TESTIFY

Secretary Daniels Points Out That 424 Vessels Exclusive of Small Craft Are Being Built.

INVESTIGATORS ADJOURN

Paymaster General Says Every Man in the Naval Service Is Ample Clothed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The next step of the House Subcommittee investigating the war activities of the navy had not been revealed today, and it appeared probable that further sessions would be deferred until after the Christmas recess. The committee adjourned last night without fixing any time for resuming the hearing.

Secretary Daniels on the stand yesterday gave a comprehensive outline of the construction program, pointing out that 424 vessels, exclusive of submarine chasers and other small craft now are being built. One thousand ships, he declared, are now in commission, as compared with 300 two years ago, and the personnel at present amounts to 38,000 officers and men as against 4376 officers and 64,680 men last April.

Representative Britten of Illinois at the hearing yesterday asked Secretary Daniels whether the department had received any complaints from Vice Admiral Sims, commanding American naval forces in the war zone. The Secretary said the question was improper and that "mess gossip" should not be bandied about, but he added that Admiral Sims had been given everything possible that the navy could give.

Paymaster-General's Order. Later when Rear Admiral McGowan, Paymaster-General, was called to the stand he submitted an order issued by him some months ago directing that Admiral Sims' requests for supplies be acted upon on the same day they were received.

"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the committee. "That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 350, and does not include the small craft. The chasers will be in service by early spring."

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battle cruisers, battleships, scout cruisers, destroyers, fuel ships, gunboats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, seagoing tugs, mine sweepers and submarines.

"Has the navy measured up?" he asked. "It is my firm belief at the close of the investigation your answer will be, 'It has, and the country has every reason to repose confidence in the navy.'"

Purchases Centralized.

Admiral McGowan explained to committee that all purchases for the entire naval establishment, except armor plate, guns and ammunition, had been centralized in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, under his direction, so that advantage could be taken of favorable market conditions. Now, however, the markets are abnormal, he said, this being reflected in increased cost of naval operation, including the daily ration allowance. As an illustration of how the bureau operates to get needed supplies when none are available in the open market, Admiral McGowan told of seizing 1000 tons of tin.

"We needed the tin and tried to get it," the witness said, "but the tin-plate people did not want to give it up because it would interfere with their stocks. The War Industries Board had no power to commandeer the tin. We found out where there were tin stocks and sent naval officers to those places, with orders to hold the tin subject to navy orders. It was not commandeering; we just seized it. We wanted to force into the market for spot sales any amount of tin out of the hands of speculation. The market price was \$4, the navy price \$4. What we have is a common pool and if the army should need tin we will be glad to co-operate with them."

Civilians Are Helping. Questioned by Representative Wilson (Texas), the Admiral said many expert civilians were devoting their time at small salaries in his bureau. "In general," he added, "there is not a job seeker among the whole lot. They're hand-picked. I shanghai some of these civilians and have refused to accept resignations."

"Secretary Daniels has really struck the keynote in saying that 'recruiting was almost too successful' in view of the need of quick and complete clothing of the men," said the witness. "They had the same difficulty in England. However, every man in our navy is amply clothed and if they wore any more than they do they could not walk."

Replying to Representative Britten, Admiral McGowan said there was no likelihood of a shortage of clothing at any time, and added that life preservers had been supplied for every enlisted man who went to sea. "There is no red tape in the Navy Department in making purchases," said the witness. "The majority of large orders are acted on 'instantly,' depending of course on their urgency. Where supplies are immediately needed bids are called for by telegraph and even by telephone."

"Every telephone transaction in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts is recorded by a stenographer, so you gentlemen can see every one of them if you want to."

WOMAN HIDES IN LAUNDRY BAG, ESCAPES FROM SANITARIUM

Patient at City Institution Carried Outside of Building Along With Clothing.

Close inspection of bags of laundry sent away daily from the city sanitarium has been ordered by Dr. Geo. A. Johns, superintendent, as a result of the escape yesterday of a woman patient by concealing herself in one of the bags.

The patient was Mrs. Emma Miller, 38 years old, a widow, of 3706 Washington boulevard, who had been at the sanitarium a year. At 7 a. m., when the large canvas bags of laundry were standing in the halls, she took part of the clothing out of one and concealed herself inside. This bag, with others, later was carried outside the building by attendants to await the arrival of the laundry wagon.

When the attendant went away Mrs. Miller crawled out of the laundry bags and left the grounds. She went to the home of friends, who telephoned the sanitarium. Guards took her back to the sanitarium. The attendant who carried the bags out said he did not notice any unusual weight. Mrs. Miller is of slight build.

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EAST ST. LOUIS RIOTS INFLUENCED DRY VOTE

Congressional Investigators Say
Evidence They Heard Convinced
Them Prohibition Was Needed.

Following the action of every member of the Congressional Committee, which recently held hearings in the East St. Louis race riots, in voting for submission of the prohibition amendment to the states, the Post-Dispatch telegraphed each member, inquiring whether evidence brought out at the hearings had influenced them in voting for the amendment. There was a great deal of testimony at the hearings connecting public officials with vice that was practiced mostly around saloons, and there was much other testimony of the activity of the saloons in politics. Congressman John E. Raker, of California, the most vigorous inquirer on the committee, replied as follows: "In reply to your telegram will say that evidence of saloon-controlled politics in East St. Louis absolutely confirmed my prior information and knowledge, and made me more certain in my duty to vote for the proposed prohibition constitutional amendment."

"The East St. Louis situation is a typical example, thoroughly staged, and not a player absent," Congressman George Edmund Foss

HOOVER AID HERE SAYS WE MUST FEED ALLIES

Dr. Wilbur Points Out Danger of
Entente Collapsing as Russia
Has Done.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chief aid to National Food Administrator Hoover, and president of the Leland Stanford University, told a Post-Dispatch reporter today that we would lose the war before we were fairly into it unless we fed England, France and Italy until next fall, and that there was danger of a collapse of our allies such as occurred in Russia unless the American people practiced rigid conservation of wheat, meats, fats and sugar.

Dr. Wilbur arrived in St. Louis today from Iowa City, Io., on his tour of Eastern and Middle Western states in the interest of the national conservation movement. As first aid to Hoover, Dr. Wilbur has charge of all conservation and educational work of the national food administration.

Dr. Wilbur conferred this morning with the Food Administration Committee of St. Louis, and the Women's of Chicago replied: "I have been in favor of prohibition for some time, but, of course, the East St. Louis situation confirmed my previous conclusions."

Central Committee on Food Conservation, and at noon addressed the City Club on the food situation. He will speak to a meeting of women at the Wednesday Club auditorium at 3 p. m., and will depart for the East tonight.

"The big problem before us now is getting our wheat and pork products to the soldiers in Europe within the next few months," said Dr. Wilbur. "The most pressing need in Italy is wheat. We can't maintain the armies over there unless we send large quantities of wheat, pork, lard, bacon and ham. We can't send beef because we haven't enough refrigerator ships."

"Empty stomachs will break up the allied armies quicker than anything else. This is what caused the collapse of Russia, and it was the primary reason for the recent defeat of the Italian army. If the soldiers see that they not only have to die for their country, but starve also, they say: 'what's the use,' and then the morale goes away down."

"It isn't a question of helping our allies, but of maintaining them for a long period, until we can train our troops to take Russia's place. The best evidence of their support of the allies that the people of the country can give is to see that the armies are properly fed."

"We are going to lose the war before we are fairly into it, unless we feed our allies. This gives every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States a chance to fight the submarines. We don't realize that the men in the allied armies are as im-

portant to us as they are to our allies. Every soldier we support over there is a trained expert in this modern warfare, while our men are green, and have yet to learn."

"We can win if we maintain our allies until next fall, but we don't know what the situation will develop into. We can't send any large quantities of troops over because we have neither the ships to take them or the food to maintain them."

Dr. Wilbur said that enough wheat could be saved by the inhabitants of Iowa, Missouri and Ohio to save the situation if the people of these three states followed strictly the conservation rules laid down by the State and National Food Administrations.

In a series of new regulations just issued by the National Food Administration Dr. Wilbur said that Saturday had been named as porkless day, and that people would be asked to have one wheatless and one meatless meal a day, in addition to the meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday.

Dr. Wilbur was asked if the food administration contemplated issuing food cards, or adopting other stringent regulations to conserve food.

"We don't want to Prussianize our food system," he replied, "and we don't intend to do it. We want this movement to be supported voluntarily by all the people and to have them show by their intelligence that they realize the necessity of existing regulations."

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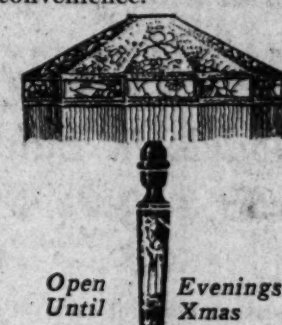
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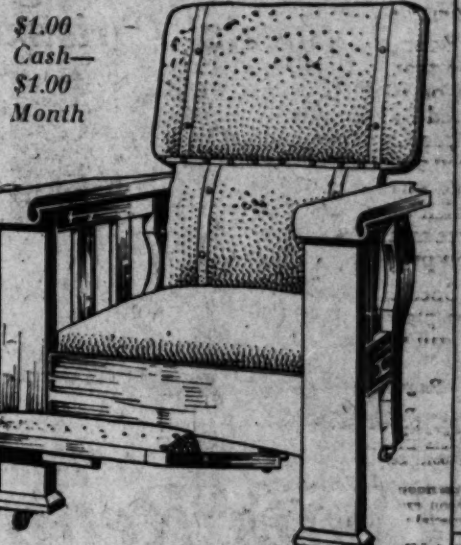
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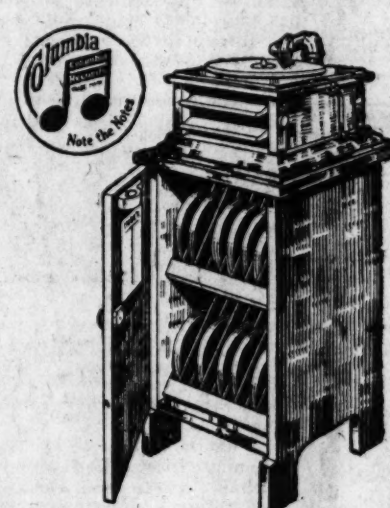
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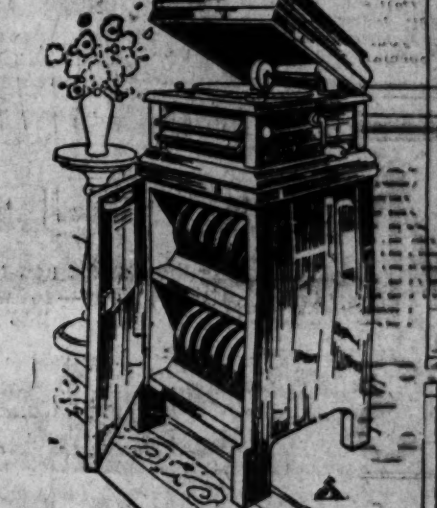
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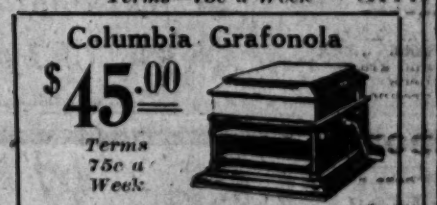
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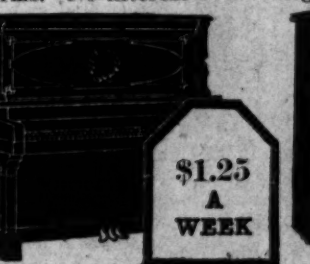
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machine gun fire after a rifle bullet fired at a good range had torn a hole in the armor as big as a silver dollar.

Even the bullets from an automatic pistol did the work. It was expected they would in this respect.

Seven Automobiles Are Stolen.

Seven automobiles reported stolen yesterday belonged to Theodore E.

Buell, 1920 Burd avenue; E. J. Kell, 2337 Montgomery street; Morris Barnholtz, 3531 Lucas avenue; Charles Prante, 214 Leperance street; A. E. Schulte, 3719 Wyoming street; East-St. Louis Water Co. and Raymond L. Houser, Kirkwood.

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Taft Advises Unit Control of Railroads for Duration of War

Declares Director Should Be a Trained Railway Man—Collapse of Systems Due to Misdirected Regulations in Past, He Says.

By WILLIAM H. TAFT.
(By Courtesy of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Years ago the misconduct of our railways aroused popular indignation and led to the enactment of legislation to curb their misuse of their privileges and their unjust treatment of the public. The railways have interested themselves in political power and it took a 20 years' struggle to overcome them. The Interstate Commerce act was amended from time to time until in 1910 the railways were brought under complete supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Forty-eight different state commissions also were given power to regulate railways within their respective states. These powers of supervision, national and state, have not been wisely exercised.

In the year 1916, although we had the greatest business prosperity in our history, only 700 miles of new railroad were constructed, less than that in any year since 1848 except the first year of the Civil War. Between 1907 our annual increase in railway mileage averaged 5000 miles. One-sixth of our total railway mileage has recently been in the hands of receivers. While the bad condition of some railways may be traced to unscrupulous or fraudulent management, the chief reason for the general failure of our railways normally to expand their mileage, their terminal facilities, their equipment and more power to the demand of the normal growth of the country is due to discouraging and hostile governmental regulation. An increase in rates of wages, involving hundreds of millions of increased expenditures, imposed upon them by act of Congress and no corresponding increase of rates is granted. In England such an increase has been paid out of public funds. The condition of our railways is such that \$5,000,000,000 of capital is expended to supply the railroads with capacity adequate to do the business offered.

Railroads Breaking Down. In 1916, the most prosperous of years, no new railway stock was listed on the stock exchange, and not more than a dozen of American railway stocks were sold above par. Railways cannot borrow the money they need. Investors fear the hostility of State and national Governments. The managers are now appealing to the Government for aid in floating loans. We have the most skilful and courageous railway leaders, but they are fighting a losing fight. The system is breaking down under the additional load which the war has put upon them.

What is the remedy? Those who stimulated our State and national commissions to the unjust, annoying and illiberal restraints under which the railways have suffered are now using the unfortunate condition they have brought about as a ground for Government ownership, and operation. This, it is said, would secure unit control and needed capital. Government ownership and operation have not succeeded anywhere save in Prussia, and even there the result is not clear. The independent and absolute control possible under that loyal Government could not be maintained here. In Canada and everywhere else where tried, the experiment has been a failure in paying expenses and interest on investment and in maintaining the efficiency of a privately run line.

The Supreme Court, by a divided court, held that the anti-trust law applied to railways. With the absolute power in the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates and regulate the course of the railways in most important matters, there is little danger that the public would suffer from combinations to restrain or monopolize trade among the railways and all injury possible could be avoided by prohibiting such combinations unless approved by the commission. In this way pooling would be permitted under supervision. This was attempted in proposed legislation in 1910, but the bitter opposition prevented. Ruinous competition and uneconomical operation of railways could be avoided by such a provision, and the combined capacity of railways could be greatly increased.

Urges Single Supervision. By incorporating all the railways under federal law and taking them out from under the nagging supervision of State commission supervision, much can be effected in making them more useful to the country. Such fostering and encouraging legislation would invite investors again, and improvements in every direction could be financed.

Meantime, what can be done as a war measure? If the railways need money Congress should guarantee their bonds to secure it. England has helped to finance its railways, especially, as already stated, in meeting the demand of their labor for higher wages. Immediate unit control of the railways can secure greater capacity. The Railway War Board, created by the railways themselves, has shown this in the more effective use of their combined equipment. Such good results can be enhanced by enlarging such unit control over all railways during the period of the war by order of the President. Of course, he should not displace those in charge of the railways now. They have shown in their struggle against great difficulties their skill; but he may put them all under the unit direction of a Government agent or board, who will be able to combine the operation of all the railways so as to greatly increase

the total work done. Such a director should be a trained railroad man who knows the business he is thus to control. Surely someone of high character among our railway men can be found who can be trusted to serve his country faithfully in this critical situation, no matter what his past relation to any railway system. When national interests are in danger and great executive work has to be done by experts, it is a weak and timid policy to reject men of high character competent for the task on the mere suspicion that their

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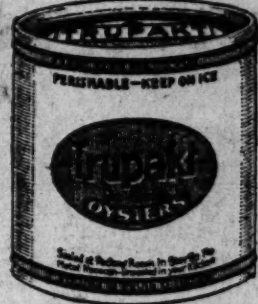
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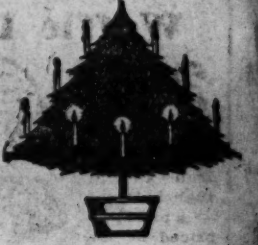
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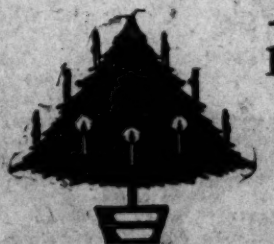
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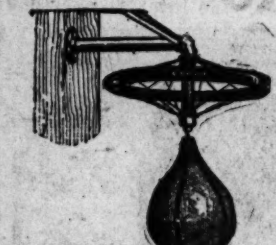


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Girl, 10, Robs Another Aged 8, Alberta Horn, 8 years old, of 4274 Von Versen avenue, told the police that a girl about 10 years old took \$1 from her at Finney and Newstead avenues last evening.

3 MEN RENDER GREAT SERVICE, T. R. SAYS

Praises War Activity of Senators Chamberlain and Wadsworth and Medill McCormick.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—The following editorial article by Col. Theodore Roosevelt appears in the Kansas City Star today:

By THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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Senator Chamberlain has rendered a public service by presenting the bill to provide universal obligatory military training for all the young men of the nation. Senator Wadsworth has rendered a public service by pushing the senatorial investigation of our lamentable military unpreparedness. Congressman Medill McCormick has rendered a public service by showing that we have heavily burdened our war-worn ally, France, by demanding from her the guns which it was inexcusable in us not previously to have built.

These three services all hang together. Senator Chamberlain's proposal is a supplant selective conscription after war has begun by universal service, which would probably mean the avoidance of war altogether. It was grave misfortune at the outset in this war that we did not call for a million volunteers and at the same time put all the young men between 19 and 22 into the training camps. There has been some very gross favoritism in granting exemption and, moreover, the men between 22 and 31 include a high percentage of married men and of others who ought not to go to war at present. This unwise, wasteful and inefficient system should not be patched up. It should be replaced by a war measure and as a permanent policy, the immediate introduction of universal military training and service for all our young men as proposed above.

Senator Wadsworth and Representative McCormick are in straight-forward fashion showing the inevitable results of the policy of unpreparedness which we have followed for three and a half years and which the administration, through Secretary Baker, now actually advocates as our permanent policy. Senator Wadsworth has shown beyond possibility of anything except willful misrepresentation that he has no partisan purpose whatever and that the investigation is designed solely to rouse the Government and the public to greater efforts in speeding up the war. The Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate is showing no partisanship. They realize that we cannot win the war merely by announcing programs. They realize that we have a long road to travel and that we have made a slow start. They wish to help the administration, and in order to do this it is imperative that we have a more realistic and more efficient program.

Some of the fault for the present situation is due to the shortcomings of individuals during the last 10 months, but the major part is due to our failure as a nation to embark on the policy of preparedness three and a half years ago. Nineteen-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time. Now our people must brace themselves to face unpleasant truths. There is not the slightest reason for discouragement. If we choose, we can, through our government and representatives, quickly remedy the defects and then exert with decisive effect our tremendous latent powers. But we need to know the truth and then to act with instant and resolute efficiency and with single-minded patriotism.

AMERICAN SANTA CLAUS MUST CHEER HALIFAX'S BLIND CHILDREN

Youngsters in Hospitals, as Result of Explosion.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 20.—American Santa Claus must provide toys for hundreds of blind and crippled children in hospitals here. The limited stock carried by the local dealers has been exhausted.

A committee of women to which was assigned the duty of bringing Christmas cheer to victims of the explosion and fire that laid bare the less populous section of Halifax, found today that unless shipments were received from the United States within the next few days plans for filling the stockings of destitute children could not be carried out.

Although no approximate estimate of those blinded by the explosion is available, it is believed the number may reach 1000, including those who lost the sight of one or both eyes. Many of these are children, and little gifts which they never will see are sadly needed.

Gary Saloon Robbers Get \$10,700. GARY, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two robbers yesterday escaped with \$10,700, after stunning Michael Bizen, a saloon keeper, and killing Spencer Tillman, a negro porter. Bizen carried \$25,000 to be used in cashing the checks of steel mill employees.

TAFI RECOMMENDS UNIT CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS

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previous relation to some private business may affect their public conduct. In no class in the country has self-sacrifice to the country's cause been more conspicuous than among our great business leaders. It will be extremely distressing if we as a nation, in the throes of our great struggle, thus bar ourselves from using the fit and experienced men of demonstrated power in whom we are rich, and interest gigantic tasks only to tyros, however respectable and innocent of needed experience.

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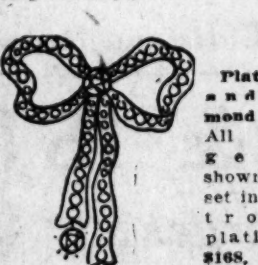


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Diamond Ring—20 diamonds, set in platinum, \$214.



Diamond Ring—Large diamond in center with three diamonds on each side, \$175.

For Women



Solid Gold Cameo Brooch, \$12



Diamond Ring—Large diamond in center with three diamonds on each side, \$175.

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With 10 blades

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6 Have You Any Unfilled Orders With Other Dealers.....
I hereby certify that the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

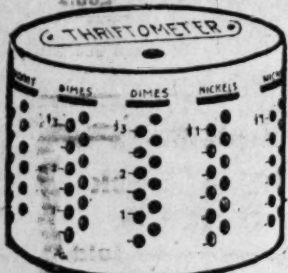
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Mrs. Joseph Morrill.

MISS HELEN MURRAY TO MARRY OFFICER

Engagement to Capt. A. K. Howell of New York Announced at Tea.

MISS HELEN MURRAY entertained with a tea this afternoon for about 30 of her particular friends, at which her engagement to Capt. Arthur K. Howell was announced. Miss Murray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Murray of 5048 Waterman avenue. She was graduated from Mary Institute in 1912, and attended Washington University for two years.

Capt. Howell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Howell of New York city. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and also of the University of Michigan. He is at present in the Ordnance Department of the United States army, and is stationed at Dover, N. Y.

No date for the wedding has been decided upon, but it will probably take place early in the spring.

Social Items

Mrs. William Moffatt Sloan of 5504 Kingsbury court is expecting her niece, Miss Caro Wise, and her nephew, William H. Wise, from Bethlehem, Pa., to spend the holidays with her. They will arrive Saturday and on the afternoon of Dec. 21 Mrs. Sloan will give a dance at the Ridgedale Country Club in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Graham Wilson of Washington terrace are expecting their daughter, Miss Eula Wilson, to arrive from Bryn Mawr on Saturday to spend the holiday season.

Mrs. Joseph Bradley Morrill, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson of 6131 Berth avenue, will depart after the holidays for New York, where she and Mr. Morrill will reside.

Military Wrist Watches. Mettich-Achle-Hatchins Jewelry Co., Locust at Tenth.—ADV.

The engagement of Miss Helen Johnston, daughter of Frank T. Johnston of 10 North Taylor avenue, and Lieut. Monroe C. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander M. Lewis of 5466 Clemens avenue, has been made known. The announcement was to have been made at a tea which Mrs. Lewis had planned to give next Monday, but on account of her son being unable to obtain leave to spend Christmas at home, Mrs. Lewis, accompanied by Miss Johnston, will go to camp Funston for the holidays, where Lieut. Lewis is stationed with the 352d Field Artillery.

The marriage of Miss Lucile Seed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Seed of Pelham Manor, N. Y., former residents of St. Louis, and George H. Niekamp, son of Charles Niekamp of Jennings road, will be celebrated today in Pelham Manor. The bridegroom is a member of the coast patrol, with headquarters in New Haven, Conn. Russell Lott of St. Louis will be Mr. Niekamp's best man.

The members of the Junior League, of which Miss Mary Dee Jones is president, Miss Anne Collins, vice president; Mrs. Sears Lehman, treasurer, will hold a sale of articles at 216 Olive street commencing today and continuing tomorrow and Saturday, at which the members of the league will assist.

Miss Adele Schmitz of 5389 Waterman avenue will entertain the members of the College Club on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this meeting it will be decided whether the annual entertainment, which is always a fashionable event, will be given for the benefit of the scholarship fund or whether the proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

Miss Margaret Pedigo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pedigo of 2420 Waterman avenue, will entertain with a 500 party on the afternoon of Dec. 27, in honor of her guest, Miss Sarah Warren Prentiss of Indianapolis, Ind., who will arrive Friday to remain during the holidays. The guests will include Miss Pedigo's classmates at Mary Institute.

Miss Cecil Bradshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bradshaw of 5130 Washington avenue, will return from Vassar College to spend the holidays and will have as her guest Miss Frances Hays, who has been spending the winter in Jefferson City with her parents. Next Thursday Miss Bradshaw will be hostess at a luncheon at the Ridgedale Country Club in honor of her guests.

Mrs. F. A. Luyties of Brentmoor has issued invitations for a tea on Dec. 27, which she will give for her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Luyties, who is a student at Mary Institute.

SOLDIERS INVITED TO DANCE

Young Men's Hebrew Association Plans Entertainment Sunday Night. The Young Men's Hebrew Association has invited 500 soldiers at Jefferson Barracks to attend a dance Sunday night at Moolah Temple. A gymnastic exhibition, a brief concert and a musical comedy will precede the dancing. St. Louis members of the association are co-operating with the national organization in raising \$1,000,000 to carry on the work of the Board of Welfare for Jewish Soldiers and Sailors, and will contribute the proceeds of the dance to that cause.

ALL MATERIAL IN U. S. AVIATION CAMP IN FRANCE FROM AMERICA

Only a Few Huts Were Made Elsewhere: Facilities Praised by Paul Ginsty in Petit Parisien.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The wonders of a vast American training camp for aviators in central France are described enthusiastically in the Petit Parisien by Paul Ginsty, who has just visited the camp. With the exception of a few huts, he writes, all the material was brought from America. The work was begun in September under the direction of 250 men, experts in various branches, and the driving power which they are putting into their tasks was evident on every hand. From this camp fully trained pilots will be sent to the front. French aviators are there to give the benefit of their experience. The arrangements which have

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A Timely Warning on Some of Its Dangers.

During the season of Christmas shopping, great care should be taken not to unnecessarily expose yourself to colds that are likely to result in grip and pneumonia. The excitement of the time, the sudden change from the close suffocating air of the big stores to the street, are all dangerous. Doctors declare that this is one explanation for the annual increase of sickness at this season. While this article is written to again call your attention to the value of Father John's Medicine in treating and preventing colds, grip and pneumonia, it will be of value to you and may save your life if it causes you to be careful to avoid the dangers we have pointed out. They are real dangers. And if we cause you to avoid the patent medicines, so many of which contain nerve-deadening and poisonous drugs, by again warning you against them, it will be the means of saving your health.—ADV.



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Ain't You Coming Back, Mother, Dixie and You. Let's All Be Americans Now. America, Here's My Boy. For Me and My Gal. Dance and Grow Thin. She's Dixie All the Time. Just the Kind of a Girl. Livery Stable Blues. Dixieland Jass Band. Poor Butterfly. Alah's Hobbies. Where the Black-Eyed Susans Grow.

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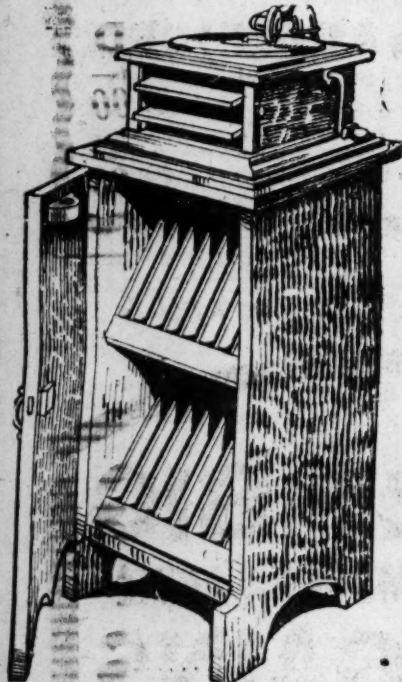
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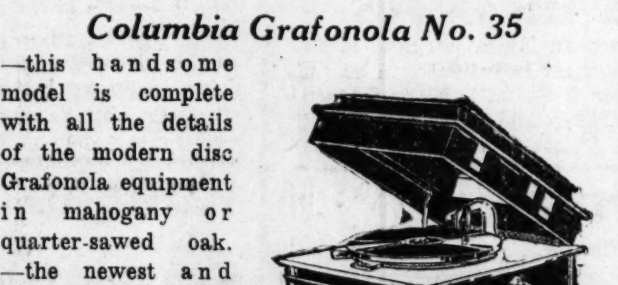
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Lace-trimmed and embroidered in self and contrasting colors. Many and novel are the trimmings, and the color assortment embraces white, flesh, navy and black.

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Serges, Satins, Taffetas, Crepe de Chines, Georgette or Velvet and Satin Combinations—and many other popular styles for street, afternoon, dance and evening wear. A bona fide saving of \$7 to \$12 on any purchase—come early for best choice.

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Five Hurt in Illinois Mine.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 20.—
Five miners were injured, two of
them dangerously, by an explosion in
the Montour coal mine at Girard, 20
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For a Fair Street
Railway Settlement

City and Company Need a Prompt Settlement

Final action on the settlement ordinance is delayed by a proposal to wait six months or more while some imported theoretical "expert," ignorant of St. Louis conditions, collects a \$5,000 fee from the City treasury for telling St. Louis people how to conduct a plain business transaction, every detail of which has already been carefully investigated by your legal, engineering, financial, executive and legislative agents at City Hall.

The proposed delay could not benefit anybody but the "expert" and the noisy little minority of St. Louisans who for their own selfish reasons wish to wreck the property and the service. It could not force our security holders to accept any harder terms than those proposed in the pending ordinance. They have rights, ignored by the theoretical "experts," which they will not exchange for something that would leave them worse off than they are to-day. All that the proposed delay could do would be to injure our stockholders, our employees, our customers and the community as a whole.

A prompt settlement is vitally important to both City and Company.

A prompt, workable settlement, as proposed in the pending ordinance, would assure better service and better wages, without increased cost to our customers.

It would open the way—now closed—to get car line extensions and rapid transit lines.

It would open the way—now closed—to municipal ownership, by giving the City the right to buy the street railways at an agreed valuation much less than the cost of reproducing them to-day or hereafter.

It would assure continuance of universal free transfers.

It would cut the Company's capitalization to or below the actual value of our property—would get rid of the so-called "water," thus enabling us to get new capital cheaply for service extensions demanded by the public.

It would give the City Government a liberal share of car earnings for other municipal uses.

It would save hundreds of small St. Louis preferred stockholders from risk of losing their undisputed equity in the property—an unjust loss that could benefit nobody except our bondholders, if failure to get a fair settlement promptly should force a receivership and a foreclosure sale.

It would set up sensible co-operation instead of wasteful litigation between City and Company—St. Louis' two chief public servants.

Our best franchise is public good will. An undisputed official permit to use the streets, and a yearly savings margin out of earnings, are indispensable if we are to get new capital for extensions and service betterments. But an official permit, alone, is not a sufficient basis for a satisfactory, prosperous street railway business. Nothing less than public good will and co-operation can provide such a basis. For seven years past, handicapped seriously by conditions which a fair settlement will remove, we have done our level best to merit public good will. Our creditors have got interest on their loans, but our stockholders have not taken a penny of dividends.

We are eager to give you as much and as good service as you want, at cost determined by proper public authorities, and not a penny more. All we ask is a fair wage for our labor and capital serving you. And we haven't a doubt you're as willing to pay a fair wage for this service as you are for everything else you buy.

The controlling facts are well understood by your City Government and, we believe, by you. The proposed delay seems to us to be unwarranted, and we know it is dangerous to both City and Company.

A bankrupt street railway system—bankrupted to gratify ancient hatreds, to glorify destructive journalism, and to satisfy cranky theorists ignorant of the facts that must be dealt with—would hurt everybody in St. Louis and benefit nobody.

**The United Railways Company
of St. Louis**

WOMEN OPEN WAR STAMP SALE

Mrs. Kate M. Howard, First Investor, Takes \$1000 in Certificates.
A sale of \$1000 worth of war savings certificates to Mrs. Kate M. Howard, 23 Vandeventer place, marked the opening of active work on the part of the Women's Committee in charge of the sale of thrift stamps and war savings certificates to the women of St. Louis.

Mrs. Howard made her investment, which is the largest amount that can be sold to any one individual, at the thrift stamp booth at Nugent's, presided over by Miss Catherine Mattingly of the Catholic Woman's League.

Assorted Flavors Chocolates, 25c lb. At the Olympia, 214 Franklin—ADY.

SOLDIER TAKES CHILD FROM WIFE

Regains Possession of Girl by Force—Couple Had Separated.

Webb Phillips of East St. Louis went to the home of his wife, Mrs. Bessie Van Dyke Phillips, at the Eselle Hotel, 4145 Lindell boulevard, yesterday afternoon, and forcibly regained possession of their child, Martha, 3 years.

After a separation 18 months ago the child was placed in the care of Phillips' parents in East St. Louis, but the mother gained possession of it several weeks ago. Phillips is a private in the United States army, stationed at Camp Taylor, near Louisville.

Buy from "Day" today—Raincoats, Day Rubber Co., 415 N. 4th st.—ADY.

WARNINGS ADMIT HIS SECOND CHECK WAS TURNED DOWN

Paper Was to Cover Rejected Tax Payment, Says St. Clair County Treasurer, Through Wife.

Fred Warning, St. Clair County Treasurer, admitted to a Post-Dispatch reporter today through Mrs. Warning, who spoke for him, that instead of having issued one check for \$13,554 in settlement of delinquent taxes collected for East St. Louis, which was returned on account of insufficient funds, he issued two such checks, the second intended to cover the first. The second check, drawn on the First National Bank of Belleville, was turned down for the same reason as the first one, drawn on the Union Trust and Savings Bank of East St. Louis.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, the Finance Committee of the East St. Louis City Council and city officials met yesterday afternoon and it was agreed that the Supervisors' Committee would give Warning the alternative of an audit of his books or ouster proceedings, and that the Council Committee would notify Warning's sureties on his Collector's bond that unless the check is made good suit will be instituted. The sureties on the Collector's bond, which is distinct from the Treasurer's bond, are Conrad Reed, S. D. Sexton, G. H. Miller, August Schaffly, Edward Keshner, Kirk Harrington, Charles Idoux and Fred Philipp.

Philip Gass, cashier of the First National Bank of Belleville, told a Post-Dispatch reporter yesterday afternoon that the Warning check, then supposed to be the only one he had issued, was drawn on the First National in favor of St. J. Cashel, City Treasurer of East St. Louis, was presented by Cashel to the Union Trust and Savings Bank, was forwarded by the Union Trust to the Belleville Bank and Trust Co., the Belleville correspondent of the Union Trust, and in that way reached the First National, which declined to pay it because Warning had not enough money on deposit to cover it.

Tells of Second Check.
Warning stated yesterday that he issued the check on the Union Trust after his daughter had called up E. R. Keshner, the vice president of the bank, and had been told by him that Warning had a balance of \$14,000 there.

When Warning today was asked, through Mrs. Warning, to explain these apparent contradictions, he said, according to Mrs. Warning, that there were two checks. After payment on the first was refused by the Union Trust, he issued another on the First National to cover the first.

In a later conversation Mrs. Warning told the reporter that her husband said he did not issue the second check personally, but had his clerk, Herman Pfuhl, issue it. Pfuhl, when asked about it, said that neither he nor the other clerk in Warning's office knew anything about it.

Question to Keshner Unanswered.
Keshner, when asked today if he had told Warning's daughter that Warning had a balance of \$14,000 in the Union Trust Bank, declined to answer the question either affirmatively or negatively, but said that it was a hard and fast rule of the bank not to discuss the condition of anybody's deposit over the telephone.

The action of the Union Trust in returning Warning's check was told of exclusively in the Post-Dispatch yesterday.

Warning is custodian of the \$400,000 recently realized from the sale of road bonds in St. Clair County. Keshner was asked if Warning did not have this amount on deposit at the Union Trust Bank. He said that it was formerly on deposit there, but part of it had been paid out and he was unable to say how much of that fund remained on deposit.

Warning's bond as County Treasurer does not cover the road bond money. It is for only \$225,000. Patrick F. Martin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said that when Warning offered his treasurer's bond four months ago it was unsatisfactory. There were four saloon keepers on it, Frank Wyant, Frank Payeur, Emil Friesz and Charles Anstedt.

The others were George Gerald, father of Fred Gerold, former City Treasurer of East St. Louis; A. W. Boneau, a real estate agent, and Fred Larobder. The latter withdrew and a farmer named Kampmeier was substituted.

At the Busy Bee Bake Shops.
Fruit Cake, Tea Cakes, Petit Fours, Nut and Fruit Kisses, packed in boxes, assorted, 60c per pound.—ADY.

U. S. FLYER DROWNED IN FRANCE

Ensign Philip W. Page Was Former Newspaper Man in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Ensign Philip Ward Page of Brookline, a well-known American aviator and former newspaper man, was drowned in France yesterday, according to information in a cablegram to his father, Mrs. Cyrus A. Page, from Admiral Sims. No details of his death were given. Page joined the aviation department of the navy several months ago and sailed for France early in September.

Page was graduated from Harvard in 1909 and for several years was a member of the Boston Herald editorial staff. While doing newspaper work he developed an interest in aviation and studied with Harry Atwood and at the Burgess Aviation School. He is survived by his mother and one sister, Miss Dorothy.

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\$31.75 Broadcloths
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\$18.50 Melton Coats
\$20.00 Velvet Coats
\$18.50 Kersey Coats
\$20.00 Homespuns

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\$27.50 Silky Velours
\$29.75 Silk Pomeroyes
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Red Fox Sets \$9.50
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27 BIG MONEY-SAVING FRIDAY BARGAINS

That should pack this store tomorrow with thrifty Xmas shoppers in view of saving many dollars with which to buy other gifts for friends or other members of the family.

Young Men's Trench Model Overcoats
Classy Overcoats that would cost you at least \$15 elsewhere—carefully tailored in the newest novelty fabrics—\$2 to 40—Friday at **\$9.75**

Men's and Young Men's \$20 Trench Model Cravenetted OVERCOATS
Look! Handsome pure wool Overcoats of classy cravenetted fabrics—hand-tailored throughout in the latest trench models with satin yokes and satin sleeve linings—actual \$20 values—Friday at **\$13.75**

Men's \$7.50 Waterproof Raincoats
Stylish gray raincoats in the wanted plain and trench models—guaranteed waterproof—Friday at **\$4.85**

Men's All-Wool Blue Serge Pants
Genuine all-wool blue Serge Pants that are available for all kinds of wear—sized 32 to 40 only—Friday at **\$2.90**

Young Men's Worsteds PANTS
Perfect-fitting Trousers in scores of the most exceptionally durable, carefully tailored, of heavy dressy stripe effects—cuff or plain bottoms—\$6 values—Friday at **\$3.85**

Men's Strong, Durable Work Pants
Unusually well-made Pants in the light and dark patterns that are so popular—sized 32 to 40—Friday at **\$1.35**

Men's \$3 Cassimere PANTS
Carefully tailored Pants in all sizes up to 48 waist—scores of desirable patterns—Friday at **\$1.85**

Men's Extra Quality PANTS
A wonderful assortment of stylish worsteds and cassimeres in the newest patterns—Friday at **\$2.35**

Men's \$7 & \$8 Heavy Wool Mackinaws
Just the garment for outdoor wear in the nifty, belted all-around models—Friday at **\$5.00**

Young Men's Trench Model Suits
The biggest bargain in St. Louis. Think of the Classy Suits in the latest tailored models—Friday at the low price of **\$7.25**

Men's All-Wool Blue Serge Suits
Genuine all-wool blue Serge Suits in the wanted, stylish models—perfect styling—all sizes—Friday at **\$10**

Men's \$20 Fine, Pure Wool Suits
Handsome Suits in the nifty trench models—well made—conservative style—all sizes—Friday at **\$13.75**

Bargains in Boys' Clothing

Boys' Classy Trench Model Wool Overcoats
Just what the boys want! Pretty novelty mixtures in the serviceable patterns and colors—thoroughly made—sized 16 to 18—actual \$7 to \$8 values—Friday at **\$4.85**

Boys' \$6 Long Overcoats—Broken Sizes, 14 to 18
Not all sizes in the different patterns, but an unusual value if we can fit you—pretty gray mixtures—actual \$6 values—Friday at **\$3.85**

\$3.50 Heavy Brown and Gray Juvenile Overcoats
Also nifty red and brown plain in the desirable button to neck models—actual value for boys 2 1/2 to 8—Friday at **\$1.95**

\$5 Extra Quality All-Wool Juvenile Overcoats
A wonderful selection of warm, desirable Overcoats for the little fellows—from 2 1/2 to 8—splendid juvenile models—Friday at **\$2.85**

Classy Chinchilla and Novelty Overcoats, Sizes 2 1/2 to 8
Heavy pinch-back and belted Overcoats that are sold elsewhere in St. Louis at \$6 and more—carefully tailored in sizes 2 1/2 to 8—Friday at **\$3.85**

Boys' Excellent Gray Mixed Raincoats, Sizes 10-16
A wonderful value in strong, well-made Raincoats that are easily worth \$3—serviceable—Friday at **\$1.95**

Boys' Heavy \$6 Mackinaws
Warm, comfortable Mackinaws in the newest belted all-around models—pretty, red, brown and gray plaids and overplaids, in all sizes, 5 to 18—actual extra value—Friday at **\$3.85**

Boys' 75c Cassimere Knickers
Mothers, here is something you can't afford to miss. Hundreds of strong, durable Cassimere Knickers that are built to stand unusually hard service—all seams taped—sized to fit boys 8 to 17—Friday at **57c**

Boys' \$1.50 Corduroy Knickers
Strongly sewed, well made Corduroy Knickers that will prove exceptionally durable—carefully tailored, of heavy dressy material, in sizes 8 to 14—sold universally at \$1.50—priced here—Friday at **98c**

Stylish Suits for Little Boys
Splendid Suits in the serviceable gray and brown novelty mixtures—nifty belted all-around models—sized 2 1/2 to 8—Friday at **\$2.33**

Boys' \$6 Heavy-Weight Drab Corduroy Suits
Just the suit for that boy who is "hard on his clothes"—all seams extra well sewed—sized 7 to 11—worth \$6—Friday at **\$3.85**

Boys' Excellent Wool Novelty Mixture Suits
Stylish Suits in the nifty and French models—sized 6 to 12—few have 2 pair of full lined knickers—actual worth \$7 to \$8—Friday at **\$4.85**

Boys' \$3.50 Strong, Serviceable Cassimere Suits
All sizes, 8 to 12, in scores of good, serviceable light and dark Cassimere Suits—exceptionally well tailored, in the newest styles—worth \$4.50—Friday at **\$1.95**

Boys' \$4.50 Extra Quality Suits
Hundreds of strong, well-tailored Cassimere Suits in the patterns and colors that are popular for school wear—sized to fit boys of all ages, 8 to 12—actual \$6 values—Friday at **\$2.85**

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Up to the last minute before Yuletide Eve, you'll find this store a big, busy, bustling place, filled with eager last-minute shoppers hurrying hither and thither for eleventh-hour needs.

And they will FIND what they're looking for. For our assortments have been planned on the broadest lines, to take care of the biggest Christmas in the history of the store.

The Store Requests

—that you do as much of your shopping in the morning hours as you can, possibly arrange for, when service is at its best.

—that you carry small parcels with you whenever practical, to insure the prompt delivery of your larger packages.

—and a Red Cross Seal Should Go on Every Parcel and Letter.



THIS is a sketch of a Famous-Barr Co. Gift Certificate. Thousands of them make a happy Xmas for as many men and women each Yuletide.

If you do not know exactly what to send, rely on F.B. Co. Gift Certificates. We'll issue them for any amount—and they're redeemable in every section of the store.

Gift Coupon Books are a variation of the same idea. They're issued in books of 10, 25 and 50 ten-cent coupons, worth \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 respectively. Ask about them at All Exchange Desks.



For Friday---a Remarkable Offering of

Blouses

Specially Gift Boxed

at \$2.00

Charming Lingerie models which we have selected from our regular stocks for this special occasion—new, distinctive and especially "giveable" blouses with large collars, infinite hemstitchings and the most likeable laces and embroidered effects.

High or low neck models, all sizes, 34 to 46, each in a dainty gift box; Friday at \$2.00. Third Floor

First Comers Will Get These

Umbrellas

\$2.25

For Men and Women

Silk-and-linen-mixed Taffeta, with silk cases and natural wood and novel Mission and fancy handles.

Main Floor, Aisle 3

\$2.50 Kid Gloves

Friday, \$2.25

Women's superfine French Kid Gloves, 2 clasp, in all black, black and white, all white and white with black.

Main Floor, Aisle 3

50 of These Silver-Plated

Shaving Stands

Friday, Special at

\$2.75

As pictured—adjustable, 20-inch, heavy silver-plated stands with fine beveled mirror, brush and sanitary cup. Three styles to select from—while 50 last Friday.

Main Floor, Aisle 5

Women's Winter Coats

Values Up to \$40.00

In a Remarkable \$17.95 Sale, Friday

Not only Christmas Gifts but NEXT YEAR'S NEEDS are to be figured into this proposition—because no matter how you consider it, your next year's Coat is going to cost you more money; and it is a wonderful saving to anticipate that need Friday.

There are 150 Coats in this lot. Part of them are from a recent purchase; part are from regular stock—odd assortments and so on. Burellas, zibelines, velours, chevrons, Yosemite, broadcloths, velveteens and plushes, trimmed with fur, plush or fur fabric. All the Coats should go in a day!



Dresses to \$25

Will Be Offered in Another Big Sale Friday at... \$11.50

The important thing to note is that they are NEW DRESSES, only recently expressed to us by a noted New York maker, and that for smartness and personality we haven't seen their equal for many a day.

There are serges, taffetas and satins in the good blues and black, as so many women prefer them, and a few colors to give the collection the proper variety. Sizes for all women—but come promptly.

Special Purchase of FUR SETS \$25

Offered Friday at

Please note that the styles are the very newest, having just come from the maker's workrooms—each set prettily lined and carefully finished. Extraordinary at \$25.00.

Black Wolf Red Fox Point Fox Taupe Fox
Raccoon Opossum Nutria
Muskrat Taupe Wolf

Third Floor

Don't Forget--He's EXPECTING That Smoking Jacket



—and he'll be a mighty disappointed man without it. NOT for its intrinsic value (because some of the handsomest Jackets are the least expensive), but because of the thoughtfulness for his comfort that the gift will imply.

Choose Here for Variety and for Best Value!

We're positive you'll find no such garments elsewhere at

\$4.75 to \$25

Fancy Vests!

Hosts of new silk, mercerized and fancy mixed Waistcoats at

\$2.65, \$3.75, \$4.75

Men's Mackinaws

Immense assortments of all the popular models

\$6.75 to \$15

Second Floor

Men's Heavy Silk Shirts

A Xmas Special at

\$4.95

"Eagle" and other brands—beau de crepe and satin striped weaves—rich patterns that would sell ordinarily at \$5.95 and \$6.95. Patterns of every sort—all sizes, 13½ to 20.

Men's Reefer Mufflers

\$1.50

Pure thread silk in accordion knitted effect, with fringed ends. All in the popular two-tone shades.

Main Floor, Aisle 9

French Coney Caps

Friday at

\$2.85

Many will wear a "Detroit" Special Caps for motorizing and skating wear and for GIFT GIVING—He's best to be early!

Main Floor, Aisle 8

A Cedar Chest for \$5.50

Size 34 inches long, 16 inches wide, 14 inches high. Protuding dustproof lid, lock, key and casters. Made of genuine Tennessee red cedar, ½-in. stock.

Cretonne Lunch Sets, 43c

One large centerpiece, six plate doilies and six tumbler doilies. Charming new patterns—a delightful gift hint.

Fourth Floor

Wee White Dresses

\$1.39

\$1.75 values—offered as a Xmas special Friday, \$1.39. Daintiest of white organdies, edged and stitched in pink or blue. Sizes 2 to 6 yrs.

Third Floor

Boys' Mackinaws

Friday Special

\$4.60

Choice of many new color combinations—double-breasted, shawl collar coats—intensely practical gifts for boys of 6 to 17 years.

Rain Outfits, \$2.78

With military collar, coats and rain hat to match. Choice of dark tan or salt-and-pepper greys—all with strapped and cemented seams. Sizes 6 to 18. Very useful gift at a very low price.

Indian Play Suits, \$1.18

Knick-knack coat, trousers and feather headpiece. Sizes 3 to 10 years.

Second Floor

Girls' Coats

Special Friday at

\$7.45

Smart zibeline, kersey, plushes and novelty mixtures—all lined throughout. Brown, navy, green—sizes 8 to 14 years.

Girls' Rain Capes, \$2.19

With silk-lined hoods. Showerproof, red or blue sateen. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Girls' Rain Outfits, \$3.29

Navy and tan Poplin, and novelty checks, with high storm collars, belts and pockets. Tan hats to match. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Third Floor

Gift Special Men's Sweater Coats \$5.44

Close knitted, heavy, warm wool-mixed Coats, in 1x1 rib. Cardigan or rope-stitch weaves. Made with shawl collars or V-necks; varied colors. Handsomely gift-boxed.

Second Floor

Gift Special Men's Fiber Silk Sox

Friday, 32c

Pair .32c

—or three pairs in a gift box at 90c. They're novelty stripes and fancy weaves, with high spliced heels, double soles, toes and little tops. Some slightly irregular.

Main Floor, Aisle 7

Gift Special Women's Silk Undervests

Friday at \$2.44

"Kaysers" or "Vanity Fair"—the two most popular kinds—with charmingly embroidered yokes. White or pink.

Third Floor

Gift Special Women's Silk Stockings

Friday at 84c

Pure thread silk Boot Hose, full fashioned, with high spliced heels, double soles, toes and garter tops. Slight seconds of \$1.00 grade. Black, white, navy.

Main Floor

BLANKETS

At \$12.50 pair, size 70x82 all-wool Blankets, in small gray plaids, with overlocked edges.

At \$7.50 pair, size 66x80 wool Blankets, admixed with a little cotton. Gray with blue or pink borders.

At \$4.95 pair, size 66x80 Woolnap Blankets, in blue, gray, pink and tan plaids, with overlocked edges.

Fourth Floor

Two Xmas Rug Specials!

If you're "on the verge" of deciding on the practical home gift, tomorrow's special prices should bring you to a quick decision!

\$35 to \$80.00 Axminster, 9x12 ft. Oriental and conventional patterns. \$28.75

\$22.50 Brussels Rugs, 9x12 ft. seamless, Oriental and all-wool. \$17.50

Fourth Floor

Good Toys for Less on Friday

You've Toys that simply MUST be bought—why not buy them tomorrow and pocket the saving?

\$2.95 Auto Racer Cars, \$2.10.

Boys' \$4.45 Velocipedes, rubber tires, excellent construction, \$3.29.

Boys' \$1.45 Wagons, steel beds, 98c.

\$1.25 Dressing Tables, with mirror, 95c.

\$1.45 Steering Coaster Sleds, 98c.

\$3.95 Hand Cars, with rubber tires, \$3.14.

\$2.95 Jack Rabbit Coasters, \$1.95.

\$1.19 Horman Character Dolls, assorted kinds, at 89c.

\$1 Wood Buildo, large size, 67c.

\$5.95 Doll Cabs, willow bodies, rubber tires, \$4.45.

\$1.00 Doll Beds, full trimmed, 84c.

\$7.45 Automobiles, large size, rubber tires, \$4.39.

50c Tinker Toys, 25c.

\$1.50 Ives' Mechanical Trains, on track, \$1.18.

\$1.75 Doll Cribs, white enamel, \$1.25.

Dolls, Slightly Soiled and Damaged, while they last, ½ price.

Prices Prevail Only While Lots Last

Toyland in the Basement

For Her

\$5.00 Carving Sets, \$3.79

3-piece Set, consists of carver, fork and steel, good quality steel, with French gray handle. While 40 last.

\$2.50 Serving Trays, \$1.89

Oval shape wood frame, cretonne center. While 60 last.

75c Nut Sets, 57c

7-piece nickel-plated Nut Sets, packed in wood boxes, hinge cover, neatly lined. While 70 last.

Basement Gallery

STATIONERY

55c

48 sheets of paper and 48 envelopes, half white and half blue. In ribbon-tied boxes.

Bird Books, 50c

Camera studies by Chester A. Reed, with 200 illustrations, handsomely bound.

"Morning Face," 79c

Gene Stratton Porter's popular volume for young folks. Original \$2.00 edition.

Main Floor, Aisle 10

SHOES

and Slippers for Christmas Special Friday

For Men—Shoes of gunmetal calf or black kid, new English last or wide toe shape. All sizes—\$6.50 value, \$5.65.

For Boys—Slippers of tan felt, with padded soles. Sizes 1 to 6 years. Pair, \$1.10.

For Women—House Pumps of felt, with elk soles. Pair, \$1.00.

ALSO Women's tan English Lace Boots, of Russia calf, with white welt, Cuban leather heels—a new high model. Pair, \$4.65.

At 75c Pr.

Short lots of Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers.

At 80c Pr.

Men's and Women's leather Pullman Slippers, in leather cases.

Second Floor

\$2.25 Plaid Silks, \$1.98

Satin-plaid Taffeta, bought so favorably that we can sell it underprice Friday at \$1.98 a yard. Newest color combinations; width 36 inches.

Black Broadcloth, \$3.00 Yard

Woven of pure "Botany" wool and finished with a high luster. 50 in. wide.

French Serge, Yard, \$1.50

Fine twill, all-wool, 40-inch black or navy French Serge.

Silk-Mixed Shirting, 49c

Fast color, 32-inch colored stripes, on a white silk-mixed ground.

Main Floor, Aisle 1

In the Basement Economy Store

\$15.00 to \$17.50 Coats

In a Wonderful Sale Friday.

\$10.00

Extraordinary values! Fur and plush-trimmed Velour Plushes, Thibets, Velours, Meltons—many half lined—require early seeing tomorrow!

Also—Silk and Serge Dresses

Values to \$10, Values to \$12.50.

\$5.00 \$7.75

Men's Bath Robes
"Beacon" Blanket Robes, with cord and girdle; our regular \$3.50 value. \$2.80

Men's Sweater Coats
Heavy wool-mixed Coats, in shawl collar or V-neck styles. \$2.58

Men's Fiber Sox
Slight seconds of better grades; fiber silk heels, toes and lisle tops. Pair. 23c

Women's Waists
Samples of Lingerie Houses. Mostly sizes 36, 38 and 40. 85c

Children's Slippers
Felt "Julietts," with leather sole. Sizes 8½ to 2. 89c

Cap and Scarf Sets
For children and misses; all colors. \$1.00

Couch Covers
Also Table Covers; extra large. \$1.89

Children's Sweaters
Also misses sizes—\$1.50 and \$1.98 wool knitted kinds. Also women's odd Cardigans & Jackets and Spencers. \$1.29

Women's Gowns
95c long-sleeve flannellette Nightgowns; small quantity. 79c

18 In. Art Linens
Pure flax, natural color, for embroidery work, table runners and scarfs; yd. 38c

Basement Economy Store

Christmas Lamps Are Glowing!

\$2.00 Candle Lamps, \$1.00
Dainty, clean, white ivory finished candlesticks, with holder, shade and candle. Neatly gift-boxed. While 275 last.

\$15 Table Lamps, \$8.95

Mahogany finish standards; beautiful silk shades.

Fifth Floor

\$8.50 Auto Robes, \$6.45

Extra heavy Broadcloth Robes, with water-proof back; size 72 in.

Boxing Gloves

tan fannel, stuffed with curled hair. Set of 4. \$1.33

Rugby Footballs

pebbled leather, with guaranteed bladder. \$1.19

Second Floor

Famous and Barr Co.

Entire Block: Olive, Locust, Sixth and Seventh
We Give Eagle Stamps and Redeem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restrictions Apply

Largest Distributors of Merchandise at Retail in Missouri or the West.



In order to reach the Baker mines in Oregon, to preach war savings to the miners, this woman, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, a member of the Oregon legislature, had to travel on the world's highest and longest aerial cable tramway, a mile long and 7,000 feet above sea level. ©U.S.



This is the tree which will be set up in the Coliseum for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival. It was cut this week on the farm of C. and J. B. Mitchell, at Catawissa, Mo.

This picture gives an idea of the size of the tree for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival. It is 50 feet high and the circumference of the trunk is 50 inches.



St. Louis nurses with Unit 21 in France. Left to right, Miss May Auerbach, Miss Flora Kober and Miss Fabick...



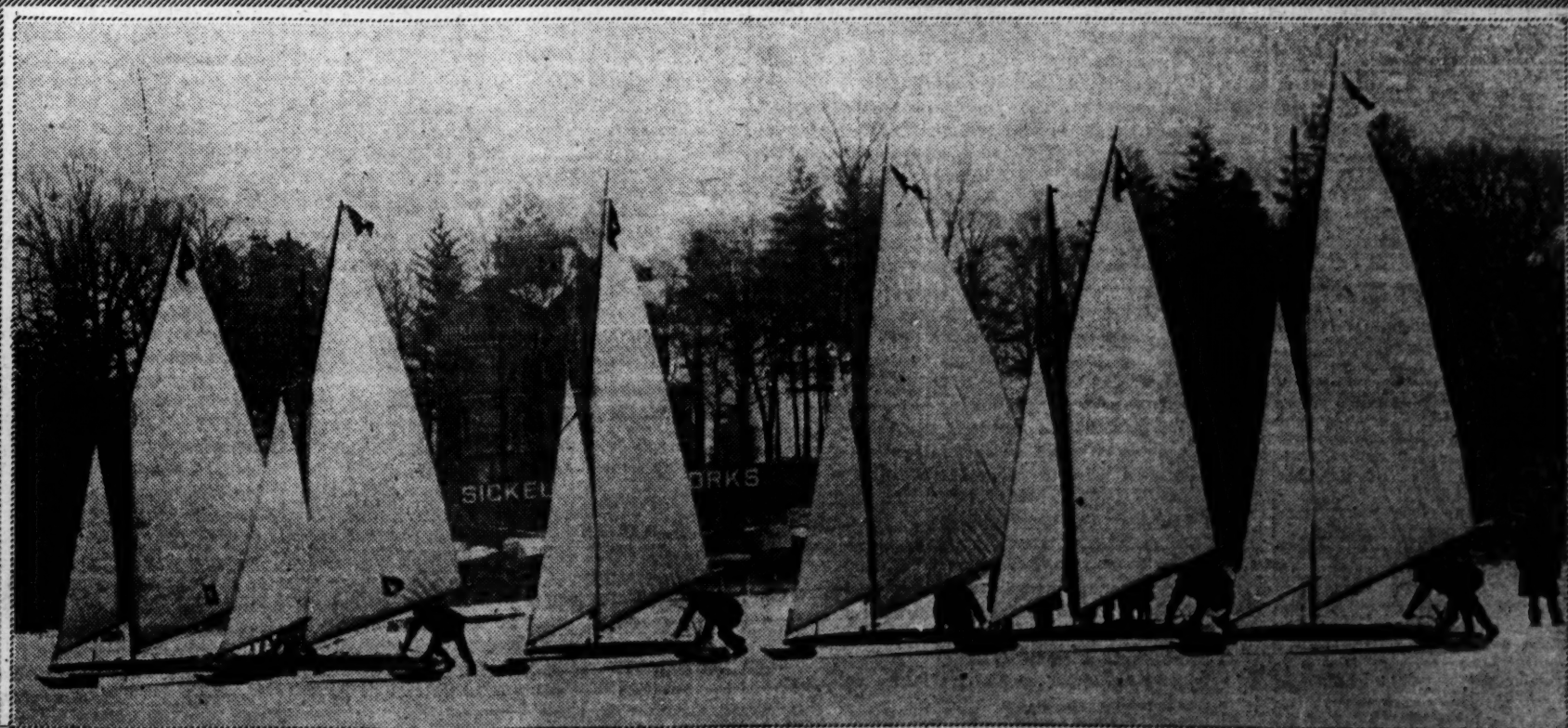
Women of Paris are even working as chimney sweeps, a calling hitherto considered entirely unsuited to them. ©U.S.



French soldiers attaching a bomb to an airplane. ©KADEL & HERBERT.



These folks call themselves "polar bears" and believe that swimming in icy water and tossing the medicine ball around in the snow are sure health builders.



The start of an ice yacht race in the east, where this sport is immensely popular... ©U.S.

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JOSEPH PULITZER.
April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Thanks to "An American."

I have been instructed by the members of the Sanitary Detachment, Club, First Regiment, Missouri Home Guards, to address a vote of thanks to the author of the letter published in your issue of Dec. 11, commenting on the fact that the Home Guards are without overcoats.

We certainly appreciate the good intentions which prompted you in publicly voicing your sentiments, for it would be nothing short of truthful for us to admit that we need and could use overcoats. However, we are not complaining, as the cold has not and will not prevent us attending our drills, nor answering a call to duty.

The worst hardship we have to bear, and one that bites deeper than the frost, is the cold coming and sneering insults of some of our fellow citizens, whose lives and property we have sworn to protect, and who usually are doing absolutely nothing for their country but hide behind the protection she offers. We are, therefore, in the better position to appreciate the good will you express, for your kind words have supplied us with a degree of "warmth" we could never get from an overcoat.

We thank you, "Mr. American," with all our hearts.
R. E. PIERCE, Secretary.

Why Not Use China Eggs?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

One of the acts this week at a popular downtown vaudeville house consists of a few tricks in magic performed by a young man which in itself is what one would term "good." However, in the performance of the tricks he uses a small boy from the audience whom he loads with eggs and the boy incidentally succeeds in breaking about a dozen of the eggs thus used.

It seems to me that quite the same effect could be produced by substituting some articles other than eggs or food products in the performance of this trick. The instance cited is typical of similar cases involving waste of various foods on the stage.

A. G. T.

Soldiers Were Well Treated.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

We wish to thank the following residents of St. Louis for the kindness extended us while at the Y. M. C. A.: Mr. Roy W. Whitehill, 3951 Ashland avenue; Mr. Coghlin, 3956 Ashland avenue; Mrs. T. J. Bailey, 3941 Maffitt avenue; Mrs. M. Minniss, 4005 Greer avenue; Mr. E. Wilson, 3943 Maffitt avenue; Prof. E. J. Vitt, 3935 Maffitt avenue.

We were the guests of these good people for two nights and were delightfully entertained with music and refreshments, good beds and breakfast. No mother or father could treat a boy better than the following members of the Sixteenth Company were treated by these good people: Robert A. Ferguson, McAlester, Ok.; James M. Baker, York, Ill.; Joseph Harrington, Superior, Wis.; James Thorpe, Donovan, Ill.; Clem Earlywine, Palestine, Ill.; Peter A. Friedman, Chicago, Ill.; William P. Ballew, Tulsa, Ok.; Clarence Williams, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Edward L. Byrne, Wilburn, O.; Peter Partman, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Gunnison, McAlester, Ok.; William T. Potts, Oklahoma City, Ok.

BY THE BOY WITH THE COLORS.

Palestine and the Jews.

Palestine, like Mesopotamia, I believe, can gain its lost prosperity by getting large numbers of intelligent, hard-working immigrants. The Russians have shown us that they can live in Palestine with help and guidance from their kinsfolk in the West. It is therefore essential that every opportunity be given to them for the development of the latent resources of the country.

To my mind, as a young man with common sense, it seems extremely foolish to discourage the Jews in general from helping to renew the Holy Land, to which they are bound by ancient ties of religious and sentiment. A Jewish settlement in Palestine would grow rapidly with the support of such a wealthy and influential body; on condition, of course, that order would be maintained by some form of international power.

I believe, therefore, that with a Jewish settlement in the Holy Land, under the guidance of England, our allies, and America, the near East would make a great progress. Out of the 12,000,000 Jews in the world, half of them live in Russia and Rumania.

LEWIS NATHAN.

EVILS OF UNPREPAREDNESS.

We hope that Gen. Gorgas' report on congestion in camps and lack of quarantine and hospital accommodations will be a preventive of further ills due to the incompleteness of cantonments.

The conditions exposed and condemned by Gen. Gorgas were due in the main to the tremendous pressure of haste, coupled with lack of preparation for the task, under which the army was compelled to work in accomplishing its ends. Haste was necessary but the waste which resulted—disease and death for young recruits—is not easily excused. Fortunately most of the conditions which imposed hardships on the young men called to the camps have been removed. But his recommendations that observation camps and adequate hospital facilities be provided should be acted upon with promptness.

We have had a taste here in St. Louis of the results of a rush of recruits exceeding prepared accommodations, in the situation at Jefferson Barracks. Hardships in such cases are inevitable, but youth is strong and can stand mere hardships. Epidemics of diseases from lack of sanitary, quarantine or hospital equipment are dangerous and invite disasters.

In all the delays, blunders and dangers disclosed by Gen. Gorgas and the congressional investigations the wisdom of Washington's counsel, which has been repeated many times in the past three years by the Post-Dispatch is emphasized. "In time of peace prepare for war," said Washington, illustrating his advice with many apt and instructive lessons from his own experience in war.

If the Government, Congress primarily, had acted upon this counsel, which was given special force by the imminence of war, most of the troubles we are now experiencing would have been avoided. If a policy of preparedness in providing for ships and munitions and training the young men for military service, urged by the Post-Dispatch and other influential newspapers and by individuals and organizations, had been adopted we would have had ships and ship plants and munitions and munition factories; we would have had guns and gun plants; we would have had prepared training camps.

The chief thing now is to act on the lessons we have learned. Let all the Government agencies for war work be co-ordinated and concentrated for efficient speed.

MITCHELL VOTES AT \$8 PER.

Investigation by District Attorney Swann has already shown many irregularities in the expenditure of the enormous campaign fund raised to re-elect Mayor Mitchell of New York. Some persons to whom considerable sums are credited deny having received the money. Technical violations of the corrupt practices sections of the election law are also revealed.

Mere irregularities, however, might be condoned, provided no systematic attempt at corrupting the electorate is established. But of course the very size of the campaign fund creates a presumption of such an attempt. The total was more than \$1,200,000. This figure out about \$8 apiece for every vote cast for Mr. Mitchell in the election. The claim that this is by far the largest campaign fund, proportioned to his electorate, ever placed at the disposal of any candidate for office in this country seem indisputable. All Mark Hanna records are hopelessly surpassed. A like ratio between money and votes polled would have given the Wilson campaign committee \$73,034,152 in the 1916 election and the Hughes committee \$68,378,624.

Remembering the efforts on the part of many persons of national prestige to hold up Mr. Mitchell as the only real patriot and pro-war nominee in the campaign, it is rather distressing to learn that more than \$100,000 was contributed by Vanderbilt and New York Central interests. Charges of favoritism toward this group were vehemently denied by Mitchell orators during the campaign. That, after the special efforts in late years for election purity, so great a sum should have been collected is disillusioning. The stigma that must always attach to the Mitchell organization will tend to discourage the use of money on such a scale, but this is not enough. Laws limiting contributions are needed.

TROTSKY'S GUILLOTINE THREAT.

Leon Trotsky, Russia's Bolshevik Foreign Minister, is quoted as warning the leaders of the opposition that the "mild sort of terror" which the Bolsheviks are applying to their enemies will give place in a month hence to "the more terrible mode of the French revolution—not prison, but the guillotine."

The guillotine was adopted as a means of capital punishment in France in 1792, the year the French National Assembly gave place to the so-called Convention, which instituted the Reign of Terror. This Convention was based on manhood suffrage, but was wholly dominated by the Jacobin party, with Danton, Petion, Robespierre and other extremists as leaders. After guillotining the King, Queen, many nobles and the more prominent of the moderate Girondist party, the Jacobins became masters of France. The Committee of Public Safety, in which the leading spirits were Danton, Marat and Robespierre, abolished Christianity as the state religion, started a new calendar, and kept the guillotine busy day and night exterminating all who fell under their displeasure.

Does Trotsky remember how Danton was one of the first victims, among revolutionary leaders, to be guillotined? How Marat, becoming a public enemy in the eyes of the people, was assassinated because he was supposed to be the chief power behind the guillotine? And how miserably Robespierre died beneath its blade? Terrorism recoiled on its advocates, and no supposed service to the state was great enough to save them from the fate they had decreed for others.

That history will repeat itself in this instance

there is every reason to believe. The civilized world rejoiced that, in its inception, the Russian revolution was comparatively bloodless. Lenin and Trotsky are changing all that. And unless they adopt new methods, their lives will not be worth a paper rouble.

A SECRETARY OF MUNITIONS.

We shall not continue to concentrate all our industrial resources on the making of shrapnel long after its inferiority to high-explosive shell in modern warfare has been shown. We shall not duplicate other early blunders of the entente.

There will, however, be deficiencies which might be avoided, delays that are unnecessary, errors in estimating the relative importance of needs and assigning priority to essential tasks. The several congressional inquiries in progress will serve no useful purpose unless they suggest an answer to the question how the shortcomings of the past are to be guarded against in the future.

The answer Paris and London found to this question was a Department of Munitions. Can we do better than accept the guidance of their experience?

It must not be supposed that the problems of organization on entrance into the war are the gravest problems for which solutions must be found. The jam at Washington, the terrific pressure on those departments especially charged with the conduct of the war and the transport of troops and supplies may be expected rather to increase as we get into the thick of the fighting and new crises must be met and totally unexpected contingencies must be provided for. After the surpluses in many materials accumulated in years of peace shall have been heavily drawn on, a far-seeing sagacity may be required in new directions.

To take from already overburdened department heads responsibility for furnishing the tools with which victory must be shaped—rifles, ordnance, ammunition, multitudinous forms of equipment—may be a measure of prudence. The flow of materials to France when we have a million men there must not only be in prodigious but in uninterrupted volume. No such army has ever been provisioned and supplied at such a distance from its national base in all history.

To give the head of such new department, if created, Cabinet rank will be to magnify his task and assure him the authority requisite to success.

SELF-UNSCRAMBLED THEATER TRUST.

The falling out of the Shuberts and Klaw & Erlanger restores the conditions in the amusement world existing prior to five or six years ago and also will make available a mass of new details about the methods of the Theatrical Trust. Doubtless the courts will be too busy repressing the food profiteers to take much cognizance of the stage profiteers and the feature of the sudden unscrambling the public is most interested in is the future rather than the past price of theater seats. Statements as to the combine's profits in some cities indicate that the managers might at least afford to assume the war tax on tickets.

Marc Klaw declares that he regards any new theater built during the last five years as a liability, not an asset. That may be true as to trust theaters presenting standard drama. But a point of some pertinence is that not all the film show theaters built during the last five years are liabilities. Very many of them are valuable assets.

THE VATICAN AND THE PORTE.

The announcement that the Vatican will condemn any efforts on the part of Christian nations to assist the Moslem to recapture Jerusalem is of much greater importance than appears on the surface and may lead to serious trouble between Germany and Turkey.

Jerusalem itself, while of minor military importance, blocks the way to the Suez Canal and Egypt, and as long as the Holy City and its approaches remain in the hands of the allies the Kaiser's dream of striking at Britain through its eastern possessions must remain a dream.

It is not likely that at this stage the Kaiser will defy the Pope and align himself with the Moslem in an effort to reconquer Palestine. The Catholic party in the Teutonic band is too strong to be trifled with. Even the present Premier is a Catholic and a junction of the powerful Centrist party with the Social Democrats would spell the end of Hohenzollernism.

On the other hand, Turkey, which has been pulling German chestnuts out of the fire for three years, is unlikely to let Jerusalem pass out of their hands without an effort. Later on it may call on Germany for an army to move on Jerusalem.

"We helped you retake Galicia from the Russians and we helped you to drive the Italians from Austria," the Turk will say, "and now we want your assistance to recover our Holy City."

The probabilities are that Germany will prefer offending the Porte to defying the Vatican, which might create a situation with possibilities of disaster to the German alliances.

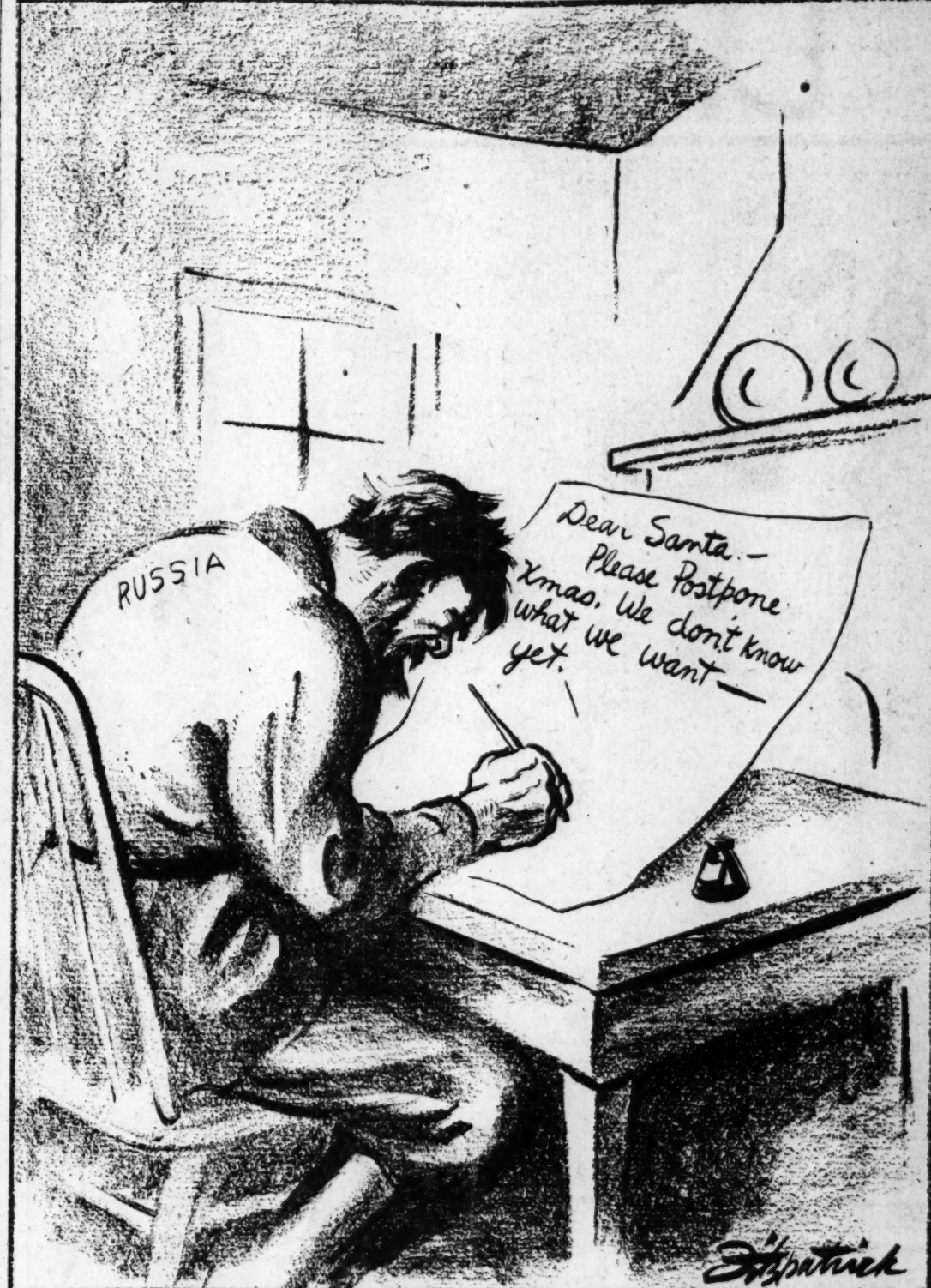
RAILROAD INEFFICIENCY.

One would think that when St. Louis is threatened with calamity through failure of electrical power, due to lack of fuel, the railroads, which are not equipped, even if they do their best, to transport enough coal to meet the city's needs, would not curtail their service by holding up shipments while they bicker among themselves over the division of the carrying charges. But this appears to have been one of the causes of the critical fuel shortage of the past few days.

The Louisville & Nashville and the Wabash had a falling out over the share of the freight rate each should have for its part of the haul. And while they quarreled about it coal cars stood on the East Side tracks and St. Louis did not get the fuel that it sorely needed.

And the Baltimore & Ohio held up loaded cars while it insisted, in correspondence that occupied days, upon a rule that the operators pay the freight, returning to St. Louis jobbers the checks which they had sent for the freight charges in an effort to expedite delivery.

Railroads may have their spats over division of rates but they should be decent enough to fight it out without holding up fuel which the public needs. Conditions of this kind give momentum to the demand for Government control of railroads.



APPLICATION FOR ANOTHER ARMISTICE.

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH
by Clark McAdams



INVESTIGATED.

Q. You are the Chief of the Big Gun Division, I believe?

A. I am.

Q. (Exhibiting a picture). Do you know who this is?

A. Yes. It is the Kaiser. (Laughter).

Q. You saw the war coming, didn't you?

A. I am not sure that I did.

Q. Aren't you a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. The son of a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. Great Scott! What are we up against? Aren't you even the seventh son of a prophet? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. Zounds! No wonder you didn't see the war coming? (Laughter). Didn't anyone tell you we were going to war?

A. No definitely. It sometimes seemed like it, and sometimes didn't.

Q. Didn't you see a fortune teller? (Laughter).

A. That's right! (Turning to the audience): Laugh because we want to be practicable in this war, just as the Germans are. (Returning to the witness): Did you see a fortune teller or not?

A. I did not.

Q. Don't you have any Gipseys here along the Potomac? (Laughter).

A. We have some occasionally. I didn't go in much for that sort of thing. (Laughter).

Q. You never saw a medium or any kind of a psychic with a view to finding out whether or not we would go to war? (Laughter).

A. No.

Q. You absolutely ignored, at a time when all democracy, including that of our own country, hung in the balance, all psychological science, one of the most going concerns of our time? (Laughter).

A. It seems so.

Q. I want to make one more test of your qualifications, if any, for the responsible office you hold. I want to determine once and for all whether precedence still has its place in self-preservation, or whether we are to regard danger as something which, like the submarine, has learned to approach us undetected.

A. Very well, what is it?

Q. Do you know who Patience Worth is? (Laughter).

A. I never heard of her. (Laughter).

Q. (Turning to the committee): There you are, gentlemen! A man in high, responsible place who not only did not see the war coming, but absolutely denied himself the employment of all those means by which he might have foreseen it. (Laughter).

Why, gentlemen—we should not only have known that we were going to war, but we should have had our guns and our ammunition piled up on the docks long before our men went down to the sea to sail.

(Returning to the witness: That will be all, I believe. I just wanted to show the committee why the war isn't over. (Laughter).

In an advertisement of Theda Bara as Cleopatra at the Shubert-Garrick Theater:

It cost Caesar an empire to see Cleopatra.

It costs you—evenings 25c to \$1, matinee 25c to 50 cents.

Is that so, truly? We have always known that it cost Marc Antony something to see the belle of that particular period of history, but it is news to us that Caesar paid for it or that there is any such great contrast between what it costs today to see the film and what Caesar put up to see the lady herself. Upon the contrary, we have always thought that Caesar bore in this respect something of a resemblance to one who is both the guest of the house and has a seat in a box. Maybe the manager of the Shubert-Garrick reads history differently, or is even going so far as to project an entirely new theory of Caesar's assassination. If so, we have no quarrel with that. After going over the evidence at hand and finding it likely that he really was assassinated, perhaps, because he wanted to drain the Pontine Marsh and provide land for the poor, we thought ourselves that no such unromantic motive could ever have a popular place in history. It is at once too likely a motive for one having been done away with and not sufficient for the purposes of popular imagination for not having a woman in it anywhere. We realize, too, that it is not exactly the theater's business to teach history, something that Just a Minute and other dry-as-dusts are very well qualified to do.

ALGIERS.

GOLD-VESTURED suns and silver-fretted nights

O'er Algiers—Allah's sonnet in the tongue of France.

Afric Paris, frenetic with the Marabout.

A-pointed columns in the air.

First languors of the East and fair

With bright illusions, flecked enkindling

sights

Mosques and kiosks—harlots thro' yakmak

a-glance:

Polyglot zig-zagging streets to turbaned rue.

Oh! Sensuous city! How subtly weird thy spell!

Background translucent sea of dreamland blue;

Thy minarets in tapers to the sky.

Bedouin inns and clanking dice,

Cytheras—drab dancing girls to lice

The dragomans, gendarmes and rake-hell,

Thy turquoise noons to twilight bronze imbue

Thro' architraves, thy villas laced to gardens

high.

Topaz yellowing to sunset crimsoning;

Gilded muzzins call the prayer,

Down-floating magic in the air

O'er mosques nestled into moonlight silvering.

Fair Southern Cross a-trembling:

An irised mystic quivering

To strange emotions, nothing

A distant cry and droning,

A constant a-clanging

Algiers—inch! Allah!—sleeping.

CHARLES V. H. ROBERTS.

The MIRROR of PUBLIC OPINION

This column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading publicists, newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

NATIONALISM AND LABOR.

From the Chicago Tribune.

THERE is an opposition to the American activities in war which is opposition to nationalism. It denies the value of the efforts being made because they are made. It regards the nationalistic emotion as childish, cruel and unbecomingly unworthy of beings who order their lives by reason or who consult their intelligence. Labor unions have to do with one aspect of it. There it presents itself in the form of materialism emotionized by prejudice, hatred or covetousness. Gangrened mental processes which perceive nationalism as a superstition are by exploiting classes to retard general intelligence. Labor unions have to do with one aspect of it. There it presents itself in the form of materialism emotionized by prejudice, hatred or covetousness. Gangrened mental processes which perceive nationalism as a superstition are by exploiting classes to retard general intelligence. Labor unions have to do with one aspect of it. 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How the Pyramids Were Built

Looking at pictures of the pyramids and Sphinx everyone has wondered how these great monuments could be built in an age when there was no such thing as a steam derrick. Discussion upon the point has run through the centuries. An English engineer, after exhaustive investigation, has hit upon what appears to be the true explanation. His opinions are supported by the evidence of ancient inscriptions upon tombs and temples, the significance of which has now just become plain.

This engineer states that in building a pyramid the Egyptians constructed an inclined roadway to the level which the work had reached. As the pyramid grew taller the angle of the road constantly grew steeper, and its length greater. By the time the apex of a large pyramid had been reached, this roadway must have been of considerable length, perhaps a half mile. Up this roadway passed all the material required in building the pyramid, hauled by slaves and pack animals.

Not only one, but four such roads, leading from the four points of the compass, gave access to the pyramid. And when the work was finished the roadways were torn down again, leaving the pyramid in majestic isolation.

In the case of the Sphinx a similar method was employed, except where it was humanly possible to move the great stone images that are so familiar a part of Egyptian culture. Many of these were cut out of the solid rock and later moved to their destination. Often this was a great distance, and the method of moving exceptionally arduous. Just as we see a safe trundled across the sidewalk today, by means of rollers and levers, so the Egyptians moved their statues. When it is considered that the distance to be traveled might be 100 miles or more, the labor and pain incidental to satisfying the vanity of Egyptian kings. There were almost as many slave drivers as there were slaves, and neither time, toil or agony counted. In such manner did Egypt erect its monuments, which were to endure until the sands which cover its ancient civilization.

The Supposition.

Yeast: My wife used to play the bongo beautifully. Crimmon: Now she picks on you, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

one of the Lyons munition plants. Squad A works from 6:15 a. m. to 2:15 p. m., with an interruption of 15 minutes for the midday meal. Squad B works from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m., with an interruption of 45 minutes for the evening meal. This division of the workday gives satisfactory results.

Dainty and Useful Christmas Presents That May Be Made at Home



By Mildred Lodewick.
ECONOMY is as much a fad now as any other, and many women who never made their own Christmas gifts before are joining in the craze. In the long run, the fad is a good one, for it is a saving of money and a saving of time. It is a saving of money because the gifts are made at home, and a saving of time because the gifts are made at home. It is a saving of money because the gifts are made at home, and a saving of time because the gifts are made at home.

A LAMP shade is the one picture of a gift that is most popular. The guest who powders her nose will not sprinkle the powder over the dresser if she lifts this dainty holder when she uses the puff. I am sure any dainty woman would appreciate the satin ribbon coverlet case, which keeps all the coverlets together and lends a charming touch to the boudoir. The monogram or initial of the recipient embroidered in the middle and tiny rosebuds placed each side of it add to the dainty effect. Either six-inch

ribbon or two strips of three-inch ribbon sewn together may be used for this gift, with narrower ribbon for the strings which tie it together at the sides. Slipper trees covered with satin ribbon are pictured at the upper left, and a sweetmeat box, a little below it, which is of tin, painted black, having flowers from cretonne pasted on it, and a coating of shellac over the whole thing. Any woman handy with a paint brush can make this decorative box.

When a Man Loves

By Helen Rowland.

SOMETIMES, I wonder if we women half appreciate a man's love. When we GET IT! We are so used to having them give us things and do things for us, and they ARE such great big, awkward, blundering old dears! For instance, No, she is no relative of John D. Rockefeller or Pierpont Morgan. But she is a very pretty woman, with hair like a Christmas fairy's. And, of course, there is a perfectly charming man in love with her. (There always IS!)

And he has done everything on earth to prove it. From staying away from his club to going to church for her sake. And has offered her everything he could think of from a box of candy to a wedding ring. But she took it all as a matter of course, And never really appreciated the depth and sweetness of his devotion. Until he brought her that SUGAR—and told her how he got it! You see, He couldn't buy it anywhere, and he WOULDN'T steal it. But he lives around at clubs and hotels and things, And, all his life, before the sugar shortage, he took at least TWO lumps in every cup of coffee. BUT since the sweetest day came upon us, he has conscientiously taken only ONE lump.

Origin of the Torpedo

MANY stories are being printed nowadays about the true origin of the torpedo. One of the most interesting of these incidents, and which certainly would seem to have a fair claim to this honor, concerns an early event in American history. This was the Battle of the Kegs, staged in the Delaware River below Philadelphia, Jan. 10, 1778.

A number of British warships were lying in the river at that time and American forces were present in the vicinity. Capt. David Bushnell conceived the idea of blowing up the British ships. He obtained a number of kegs and filled them with gunpowder and attached a plunger to each keg in such manner that it would scrape upon a flint when the ship struck a solid substance.

On the morning of Jan. 10 British lookouts upon the ships saw numerous kegs floating down the Delaware River. One of these collided with an ice cake. Instantly there was an explosion and a shower of ice splinters. The lookouts rubbed their eyes, then called the men to quarters, and intense interest centered upon the coming kegs. The warship commanders sensed the situation and

THE SANDMAN STORY FOR TONIGHT

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

The Wooden Doll.
ONCE there lived in a musty, dusty attic of an old farmhouse a little wooden doll. Her shoes were painted and so were her stockings, and her hands were not like those of the dolls of today. She had a thumb on each, but the fingers, alas! were made all together in one piece of wood. Wooden Doll lay in a drawer of an old-fashioned bureau, and beside her was a funny-looking fat man made of glass.

He really was a bottle and once had had perfume, the odor of which had long since gone. Many years Wooden Doll and the Bottle Man had lived in the drawer, but they seldom saw the light and they seldom spoke to each other of their dreary life. But one day voices were heard in the hall outside, and the Bottle Man said: "Wooden Doll, it may be some one is coming for us." He was always hopeful.

But no one opened the drawer where lay the Wooden Doll and the Bottle Man. "Oh! it is dreadful to think about," sighed Wooden Doll, as the voices died away and all was still again. "I used to be so much admired and now no one sees me. I know I need a new dress. I have not had one for over 50 years." "I am sure you look charming as you are now," said the Bottle Man. "I remember the last time this drawer was opened I thought you looked very pretty in your yellow lace and pale pink dress."

"Yellow lace and pale pink!" exclaimed Wooden Doll, "why, Bottle Man, you are color blind; my dress is pink, very pink, indeed, and the lace is quite white, I assure you." "Perhaps I was mistaken," said the Bottle Man. "I have been shut up here so long I expect my old eyes do not see things quite right, but you looked very sweet and pretty; of that I am quite sure."

Female Labor a Problem in France After the War

WITH the United States just on the verge of real participation in the war, and its women taking a larger part than ever before in handling the nation's business, a report on this subject from Consul J. E. Jones of Lyons, France, becomes especially interesting. One of the great sociological problems with which France will have to deal after the war is the industrial status of women, notes Mr. Jones. Since the beginning of the war female labor has largely supplied the shortage caused by the mobilization of the men.

The question of the employment of women was foreseen at the time of the army mobilization in 1914. cabinet and though the Bottle Man thought of her, he never wished himself beside her. He was quite content to live in the drawer in the attic and dream of the days gone by. (Copyright, 1917, by the "Nation" Newspaper Syndicate, New York City.)

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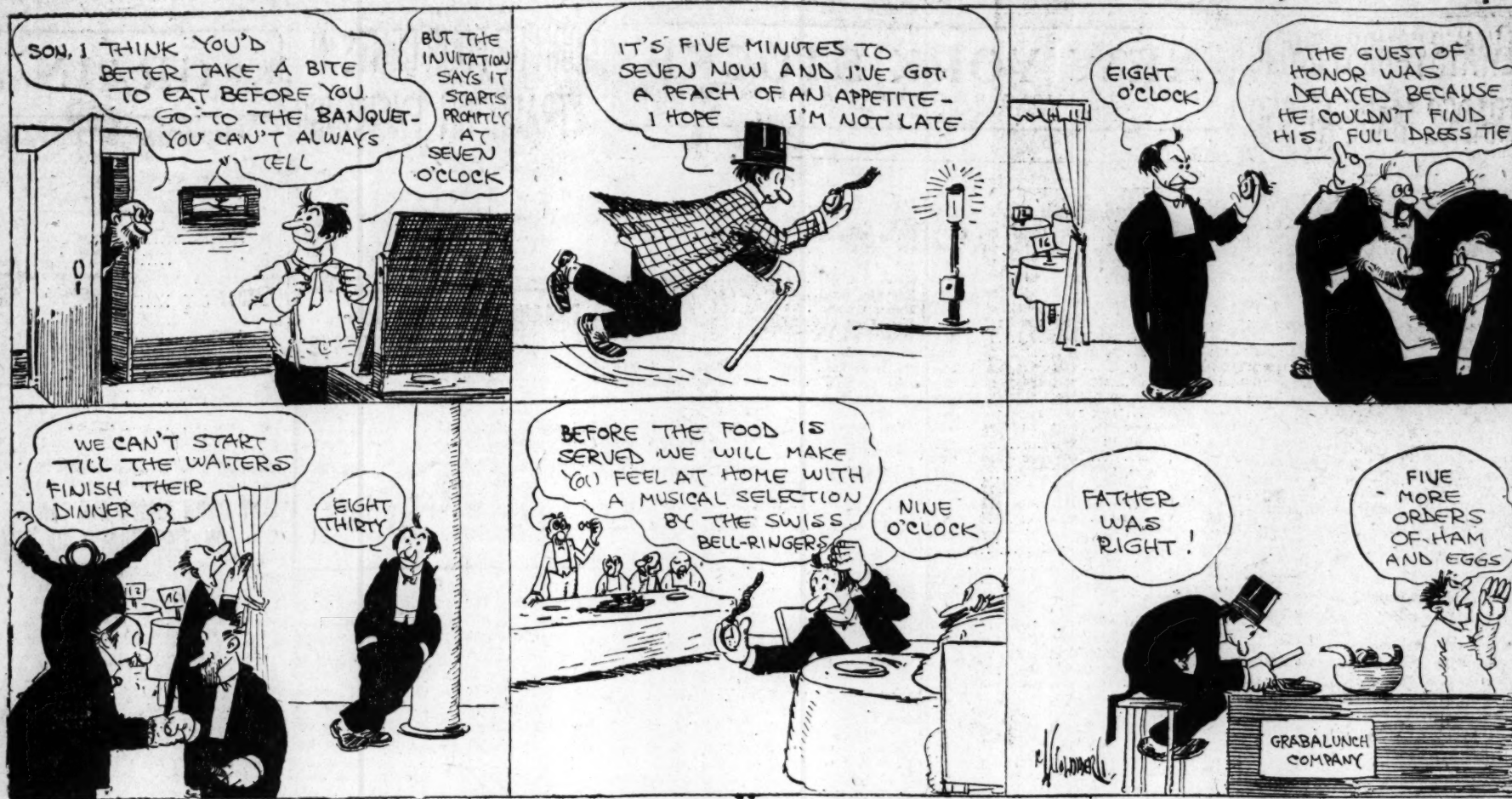
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We have just received a straight carload of this large, delicious, well-colored fruit and have them in the following varieties: Jonathan, Winesap, Spitzbergen, Spitzenberg, Delicious and Winesap. A box of these would make an excellent Christmas present.

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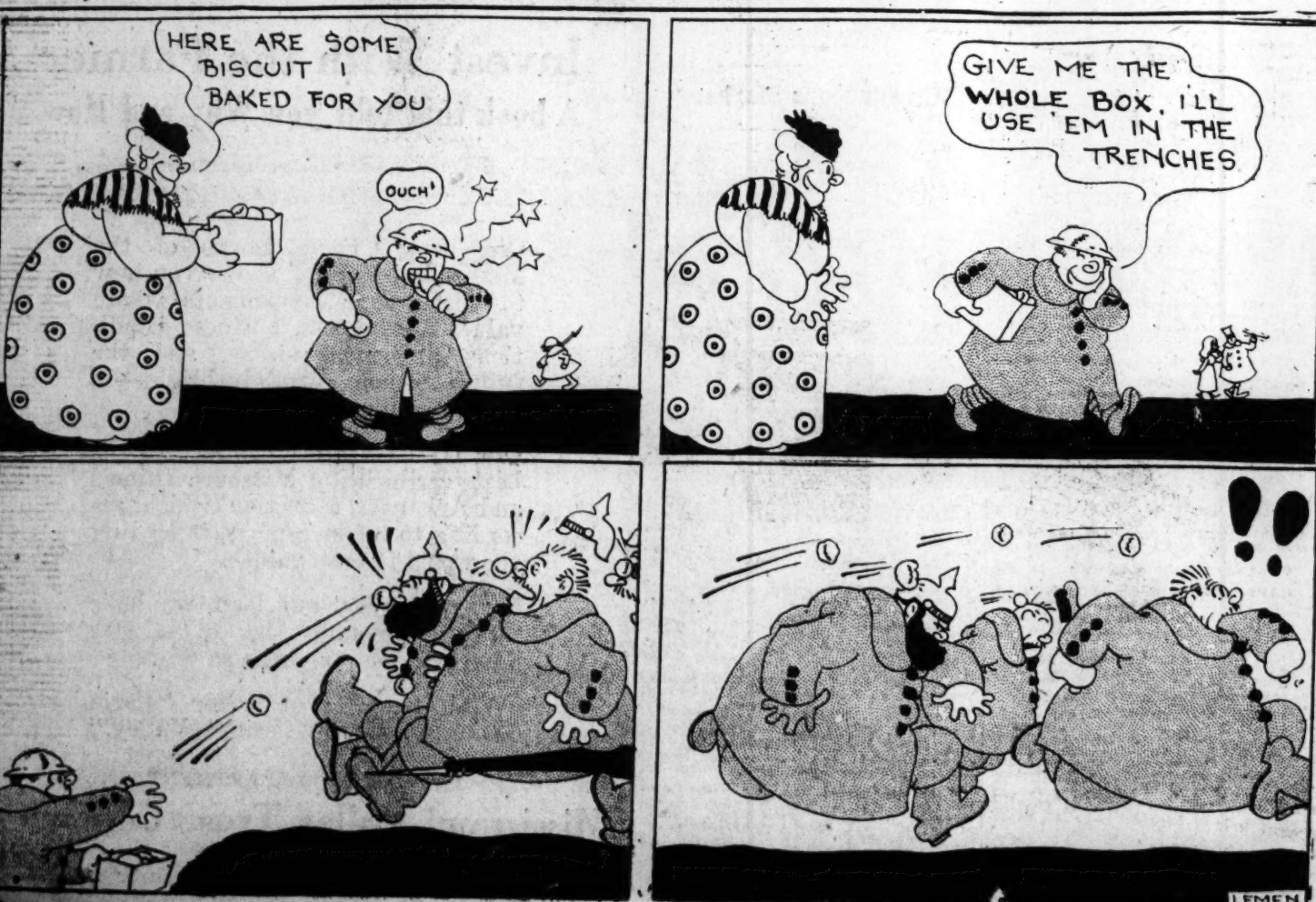
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